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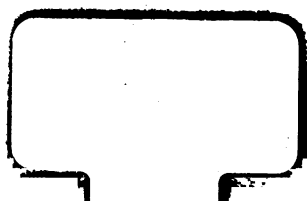
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- A. Cumulative Subject Index to Bills and Resolutions of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session.
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 - No. 3. Appendix to House Journal. February, 1915.
- B. Index to Senate and House Bills of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, First Called Session. June, 1915.

INTRODUCTION.

There has long existed a need for a compilation that would bring together in concise form information about the various departments of state government in Texas. This information has been available from the State Constitution, statutes and session laws, but it has not been readily accessible. In publishing this information in bulletin form the Legislative Reference Division of the Texas State Library feels that it is meeting a genuine need existing in Texas and is also carrying out one of the aims for which legislative reference libraries have been established.

The bulletin has been prepared by Frank M. Stewart, Assistant in the School of Government of the University of Texas. It is the first of a series of bulletins now in preparation under the direction of Professor Charles Grove Haines in connection with the Bureau of Research in State Government and in cooperation with the Legislative Reference Division of the State Library.

The officers, boards and commissions are arranged in alphabetical order. The information regarding each office, board and commission, in so far as it is obtainable from the Constitution and laws, is grouped under the following heads: Date of Creation, Composition, Appointment, Qualifications, Term, Compensation, Total Number of Officers and Employes, and Appropriation. Additional information and explanations are found in notes.

The date of creation is the time of the establishment of the first office, or a similar one, and is not always the date of the organization of the office in its present form. No dates are used previous to the establishment of the Republic of Texas in 1836. Only actual qualifications are included, disqualifications and requirements are omitted. Under duties a short statement of the most important duties is given; numerous powers granted to an officer, board or commission could not be included. The total number of officers and employes is an approximate estimate based on information furnished by department officials or taken from official reports. The appropriations given are for the two years, ending August 31, 1916, and August 31, 1917.

The bulletin is based on the Texas Constitution and laws. Wherever possible, it has been submitted to and approved by some authority in each office. It is a description of the organization and functions of the administrative officers, boards and commissions of Texas, as they actually exist, as they are outlined in the Texas Constitution and laws and modified by executive practice.

Every effort has been made to render accurate the information presented in this bulletin, but as is inevitable in a work of this kind, some errors will have escaped notice. It is hoped that no serious mistakes or omissions have been made, and the author of the bulletin will appreciate any criticisms or suggestions for improvement.

J. F. MARRON,
Legislative Reference Librarian.

Officers, Boards and Commissions of Texas

ACCOUNTANCY, PUBLIC, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1915.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be public accountants of good moral character and qualified citizens of Texas. Each member must have had at least three years' practical experience as a public accountant in Texas next preceding his appointment. Members of the first Board shall confer upon themselves the title "Certified Public Accountant," and all members of succeeding boards must be Certified Public Accountants, holding a certificate as such, and residents of Texas for at least three years preceding their appointment.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Necessary expenses for attending the meetings of the Board, which are paid from fees collected by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for certificates as public accountants and issues certificates as "Certified Public Accountant of the State of Texas" to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. The Adjutant-General is in control of the military department of the State, subordinate only to the Governor. Performs such duties as are entrusted to him by the Governor relative to military commissions, the military forces, the military stores and supplies, or to other matters respecting military affairs of the State, and conducts the business of his department under the direction of the Governor. Performs such duties as pertain to the chief of staff, the military secretary and other chiefs of staff departments, under the regulations and customs of the United States army.

The Adjutant-General has the rank of Brigadier-General.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 5.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$124,460.

AGRICULTURE, COMMISSIONER OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1887.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be an experienced and practical farmer and have a knowledge of agriculture, manufacture and general industry.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year and necessary traveling expenses not to exceed \$600 per year.

DUTIES. Causes agricultural laws to be executed; encourages the proper development of agriculture and kindred industries; en-

courages the organization of agricultural societies; investigates subjects of drainage, irrigation and their relation to agriculture; investigates and reports upon question of broadening market for agricultural and horticultural products; investigates diseases of various crops of the State; investigates subject of grasses; inquires into subjects connected with stock raising, poultry and dairying; investigates and reports on the growing of wool; corresponds with the United States Department of Agriculture and with state departments of agriculture; collects and publishes statistics and other information concerning agriculture.

The Commissioner of Agriculture is a member of the Board of Supervisors of Warehouses.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 46.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$198,320.

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1871.

COMPOSITION. Nine members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of the Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. Actual expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the Board or in the transaction of any business of the College imposed by the Board.

DUTIES. General control and management of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and of the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College for colored teachers, established 1879.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

Agricultural and Mechanical College. 226.

Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College. 169.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

Agricultural and Mechanical College. \$1,104,250.

Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College. \$257,760.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT MAIN STATION. See AGRI- CULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL SUB-STATIONS, GOVERN- ING BOARD FOR.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL SUB-STATIONS, GOVERN- ING BOARD FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Four members: Lieutenant-Governor and three other members appointed by the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Traveling expenses and \$5 per day when actually engaged in the discharge of their duties.

DUTIES. Establishes agricultural experimental sub-stations and has general control and management of the same.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

Main Station. 11.

Sub-Stations. 53.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$270,000 for State Experimental Main and Sub-stations.

NOTE. The Agricultural Experiment Main Station, established 1888, is a department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and is under the supervision of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Agricultural Experiment Sub-Stations are located at the following places: Beeville, Troup, Angleton, Beaumont, Temple, Denton, Spur, Lubbock, Pecos, College Station, Nacogdoches and Chillicothe.

ANATOMICAL BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

COMPOSITION. Professor of Anatomy and Professor of Surgery of each of the medical schools or colleges now incorporated, and the several medical and dental schools and colleges which may hereafter be incorporated.

COMPENSATION. Actual traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Distributes and delivers dead human bodies to such institutions as are entitled to them by law.

APPRAISERS, BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Three membes: Commissioner of the General Land Office and two other members appointed by the Governor.

COMPENSATION. Each member of the Board, except the Commissioner of the General Land Office, receives \$10 per day for days spent in actual service, the number of days being limited to one hundred and fifty per year, and each of the members receives his necessary traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Appraises school land, sold on condition of settlement and forfeited for non-payment of interest, in cases where the owner has a preference right to repurchase.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$10,000.

NOTE. The work of this Board is almost completed. The act was passed to meet special conditions, which no longer exist.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year and fees not to exceed \$2,000.

DUTIES. Represents the State in all suits and pleas in the Supreme Court of the State in which the State is a party. Inquires into the charter rights of all private corporations, and takes such action as is necessary to prevent any private corporation from exercising any

power or collecting any species of taxes, tolls, freight, or wharfage, not authorized by law. Seeks a judicial forfeiture of such charters, whenever sufficient cause exists, unless otherwise directed by law. Gives legal advice to the Governor and other executive officers, when requested by them. Performs such duties as are required of him by law.

The Attorney-General is a member of the Banking Board, Board of Public Printing, Board of Contractors to Buy Fuel for the State Departments, Water and Light Board, Board to Select Auditor for the Prison System, Depository Board, and ex-officio member of the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 18.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$132,660.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL, ASSISTANT.

DATE OF CREATION. 1875.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$3,000 per year.

DUTIES. Assists the Attorney-General in representing the interests of the State in all suits, pleas and prosecutions in the Supreme Court or Courts of Appeal. Represents the State in all cases in the district or inferior courts of any county when required to do so by the Governor, or Attorney-General; performs such other duties as may be required of him by law or by the Governor or Attorney-General.

NOTE. The Assistant Attorney-General practices only in the Court of Criminal Appeals.

AUDITOR FOR THE PRISON SYSTEM, STATE BOARD TO SELECT.

DATE OF CREATION. 1910.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Comptroller, Attorney-General, and Treasurer.

DUTIES. Selects annually an auditor for the prison system and has the power to remove the same.

NOTE. Prior to 1910 by act of February 16, 1852, the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary were authorized to appoint a financial agent for the Penitentiary.

BANKING BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Attorney-General, Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and Treasurer.

DUTIES. Has control and management of the depositors' guaranty fund, and has power to adopt all necessary rules and regulations in harmony with law for the management of said fund. Has general supervision and control of the depositors' bond security system and has power of regulation, control, and supervision over all State banking corporations and trust companies as provided by the Bank Deposit Guaranty Law.

BLIND INSTITUTE, CONFEDERATE HOME, CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME, DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE, DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND INSTITUTE FOR COLORED YOUTHS, EPILEPTIC COLONY, NORTH TEXAS HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, ORPHANS' HOME, SOUTHWESTERN INSANE ASYLUM, STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM, BOARDS OF MANAGERS OF.

DATE OF CREATION.

Blind Institute. 1856.

Confederate Home. 1891.

Confederate Woman's Home. 1911.

Deaf and Dumb Institute. 1856.

Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute for Colored Youths. 1887.

Epileptic Colony. 1899.

North Texas Hospital for the Insane. 1883.

Orphans' Home. 1887.

Southwestern Insane Asylum. 1889.

State Lunatic Asylum. 1856.

COMPOSITION. Each Board consists of six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of each Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. Members of each Board, except the Board of Managers of the Confederate Woman's Home, receive \$5 per day for attendance upon meetings of the Board and traveling expenses in going to and returning from Board meetings.

DUTIES. Each Board has general control, management, and direction of the affairs, property, and business of its respective institution.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Blind Institute. 81.

Confederate Home. 65.

Confederate Woman's Home. 12.

Deaf and Dumb Institute. 99.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths. 35.

Epileptic Colony. 89.

North Texas Hospital for the Insane. 241.

Orphans' Home. 45.

Southwestern Insane Asylum. 182.

State Lunatic Asylum. 224.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

Blind Institute. \$163,090.

Confederate Home. \$183,660.

Confederate Woman's Home. \$62,690.

Deaf and Dumb Institute. \$343,340.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths. \$65,080.

Epileptic Colony. \$270,250.

North Texas Hospital for the Insane. \$694,240.

Orphans' Home. \$217,000.

Southwestern Insane Asylum. \$710,420.

State Lunatic Asylum. \$682,180.

NOTE. The Pasteur Institute for the treatment of hydrophobia, established 1903, is maintained in connection with and under the management of the State Lunatic Asylum at Austin.

By act of June 3, 1915, the name of the Blind Institute was changed to the "Texas School for the Blind," and the name of the Board of Managers of the Blind Institute was changed to "Board of Trustees of the Texas School for the Blind." Three hundred thousand dollars was appropriated for a new building site for the institution, and the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Attorney-General were constituted a Board to carry out the provisions of the act.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, PUBLIC, SUPERINTENDENT OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1874.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. For looking after State's property in Austin, \$1500 per year; for looking after State's property outside of Austin, \$500 per year.

DUTIES. Has charge and control of all public buildings, grounds, and property of the State, which may not be used by the different officers of the State government, including the State Cemetery, established 1854, and cares for and protects the same from damage, intrusion or improper uses.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 32.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$264,270. In 1915 \$125,000 was appropriated to repair and repaint the Capitol Building.

CEMETERY, STATE. See BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, PUBLIC, SUPERINTENDENT OF.

CENTRAL WEST TEXAS STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.

CHEMIST, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

DUTIES. Analyzes all commercial fertilizers sold or offered for sale within the State. Classifies fertilizers as "standard," "high grade," and "low grade." Investigates the composition, properties, and agricultural values of fertilizers or of fertilizer materials or ingredients of fertilizers sold or offered for sale within the State, and publishes the results. Serves as chemist of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

CHILD AND ANIMAL PROTECTION, STATE BUREAU OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Not less than nine, nor more than twenty-one members.

APPOINTMENT. Appointed by the Governor from and among the members of the directorate of the Texas State Humane Society. The Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Attorney-General are ex-officio members of the Board of Directors of the Bureau.

DUTIES. Secures the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of wrongs to children and dumb animals; appoints local and State agents to assist in this work; assists the organization of district and county societies and gives them representation in the State Bureau; aids such societies and agents in the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of wrongs to children and dumb animals, and promotes the growth of education and sentiment favorable to the protection of children and dumb animals.

COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS FOR WOMEN, BOARD OF REGENTS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1901.

COMPOSITION. Six members, three of whom may be women.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of the Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. Traveling expenses when in attendance upon meetings of the Board.

DUTIES. General control and management of the College of Industrial Arts for Women.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 78.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$478,787.

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

DATE OF CREATION. 1837.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Superintends the fiscal concerns of the State; keeps all accounts between the State and the United States and all other accounts in which the State is interested; audits the claims of all persons against the State; settles the accounts of all persons indebted to the State; and draws warrants on the Treasurer for the payment of all moneys directed by law to be paid out of the treasury.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts is a member of the Board of Education, Intangible Tax Board, Board to Calculate Tax Rate, Water and Light Board, Depository Board, Board to Select Auditor for the Prison System, Board to Advise with Purchasing Agent, and Board to Approve Contracts for Fuel and Public Printing.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 44.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$169,495.

CONFEDERATE HOME, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See **BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF,** etc.

CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See **BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF,** etc.

DAIRY AND FOOD COMMISSIONER.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a practical analytical chemist and bacteriologist.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year and actual and necessary expenses in the performance of his official duties.

DUTIES. Inquires into the quality of the foods and drug products manufactured or sold or offered for sale in the State. Procures samples of the same and makes due and careful examination and analysis of all or of any such food and drug products, to discover if the same are adulterated, or misbranded, impure or unwholesome. Makes complaint against the manufacturer or vendor thereof, in the proper county, and furnishes the evidence to obtain a conviction for the offense charged.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 14.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$48,960.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF.

See **BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF**, etc.

DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND INSTITUTE FOR COLORED YOUTHS, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.**DEEDS, COMMISSIONERS OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1846.

APPOINTMENT. Governor may appoint one or more persons in each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or in each territory of the United States, or in each foreign state upon recommendation of the executive authority of said states, District of Columbia, or territories or foreign country.

TERM. Two years.

DUTIES. Take the acknowledgements and proofs of the execution of any deed, mortgage, or other conveyance of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, and also take the examination, acknowledgement, and declaration of married women as to all such instruments when executed by them.

NOTE. Nine Commissioners have been appointed by the present Governor; three for New York, two for Pennsylvania, two for California, one for Massachusetts, and one for England and Ireland.

DENTAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1889.

COMPOSITION. Six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be practicing dentists of acknowledged ability.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$5 per day when engaged in the duty of their office. Expenses are paid from the fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for certificates to practice dentistry or dental surgery in Texas and issues certificates to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

DEPOSITORY BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1905.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Treasurer, Comptroller, and Attorney-General.

DUTIES. Makes such rules and regulations governing the establishment and conduct of State depositories and State funds therein, as the public interest may require, not inconsistent with the State Depository Law.

EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1866.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Secretary of State, and Comptroller: Superintendent of Public Instruction is ex-officio secretary and the Governor is ex-officio president of the Board.

DUTIES. Makes a per capita apportionment of the State available school fund. Makes appropriations of Special Aid funds, provided by the Legislature, to individual high schools and to rural schools on recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Hears appeals from the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Creates independent school districts for eleemosynary institutions. Invests the permanent public free school funds of the State.

EMBALMING, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1903.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Health.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be practical and experienced embalmers and citizens of Texas.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. All expenses, salaries, and per diem to members of the Board are paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for licenses to engage in the practice of embalming and issues licenses to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, TEXAS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Twelve members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. One year, or until their successors are elected by ballot by the subscribers of the Association.

COMPENSATION. Board of Directors appointed by the Governor may incur necessary expenses not to exceed \$5,000.

DUTIES. General executive management of the Texas Employers' Insurance Association.

NOTE. The Texas Employers' Insurance Association is composed

of all employers of labor in Texas covered by the Employers' Liability Act, who wish to subscribe, with the exceptions provided in part one, section two of the act.

ENTOMOLOGIST, STATE EXPERT.

DATE OF CREATION. 1899.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be an expert entomologist.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. Devises means of destroying the Mexican boll weevil, boll worm, caterpillar, sharp-shooters, chinch bug, fly and worm, and other insect pests, and performs the duties of Professor of Entomology in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

EPILEPTIC COLONY, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.

FARM COLONY FOR THE FEEBLE MINDED, STATE, BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1915.

COMPOSITION. Five members: Superintendent of Public Instruction and the ranking Professor of Child Psychology in the Department of Education of the University of Texas, ex-officio, and three other members appointed by the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be public spirited citizens interested in measures of social betterment, one of whom must be a physician, and at least one of whom must be a woman.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Each member of the Board, except the ex-officio members, receives \$5 per day while engaged in the performance of his duties as such member, and all members receive their necessary traveling expenses.

DUTIES. General control and management of the Farm Colony for the Feeble Minded.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$100,000.

FIRE INSURANCE COMMISSION, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, chairman, and two other members appointed by the Governor and Senate. One appointed member is Secretary of the Fire Insurance Commission and the other is Fire Marshal of the Fire Insurance Commission.

TERM. Two years. One member of the Commission is appointed each year.

COMPENSATION. Appointed members, \$2,500 per year and traveling expenses; Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, \$500 per year as member of this Commission.

DUTIES. Fixes the rates of premiums to be charged and collected by fire insurance companies transacting business in the State, and

performs all other duties imposed by the Fire Insurance Commission Law.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 44.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$200,000.

FIRE MARSHAL, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year and expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

DUTIES. Investigates, at the discretion of the Board, and upon the request of the proper officials or interested parties, or upon direction of the Fire Insurance Commission; the origin, cause and circumstances of any fire occurring within the State, whereby property has been destroyed or damaged, and ascertains if possible whether the same was the result of any accident, carelessness or design. Makes a written report to the Fire Insurance Commission. Furnishes to the county or district attorney of the county in which such fire occurred, all the information and evidence obtained by him, including a copy of the testimony in the case.

The State Fire Marshal is a member of the Fire Insurance Commission.

FORESTER, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1915.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a technically trained forester of not less than two years' experience in professional forestry work.

COMPENSATION. Determined by the Board. Not to exceed \$3,000 per year. Reasonable traveling and field expenses in the performance of his official duties.

DUTIES. Under the general supervision of the Board has direction of all forest interests and all matters pertaining to forests within the State.

The State Forester is Professor of Forestry at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and Forester to the Experiment Station.

FUEL FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENTS, BOARD OF CONTRACTORS TO BUY.

DATE OF CREATION. 1876.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Attorney-General, Treasurer, and Secretary of State.

DUTIES. Contracts with any suitable persons or firms who are residents of and doing business in the State, to furnish such fuel as may be required by law or needed by any department of the State government, except the judicial department.

NOTE. This Board performs no functions today.

FUEL AND PUBLIC PRINTING, BOARD TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1876.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Secretary of State, and Comptroller.

DUTIES. Approves all contracts made by the Board of Contractors to buy fuel for the State Departments and by the Board of Public Printing.

GAME, FISH, AND OYSTER COMMISSIONER.

DATE OF CREATION. 1895.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Texas. Must be familiar with the habits of game, fish, and oysters and have some knowledge of navigation.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

DUTIES. Executes the game, fish, and oyster laws of Texas.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 36.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$95,360.

GIRLS' TRAINING SCHOOL, BOARD OF CONTROL FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Five members: Superintendent of Public Instruction, ranking Professor of Domestic Economy in the College of Industrial Arts for Women, and three other members, at least one of whom shall be a woman, appointed by the Governor.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties as members of the Board.

DUTIES. General control and management of the Girls' Training School.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 44.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$144,420.

GONZALES STATE PARK COMMISSIONERS.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Three members. One or more members may be selected from the Gonzales Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, or from any other kindred organization.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be resident citizens of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Serve without compensation.

DUTIES. Advise with and assist the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds in the improvement, care and preservation of the Gonzales State Park.

NOTE. In 1913 the State accepted title to the grounds donated by the City of Gonzales and dedicated it as a public State park to be known as "Gonzales State Park."

GOVERNOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be thirty years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the State for at least five years immediately preceding his election.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$4,000 per year, with the use and occupation of the Governor's Mansion, fixtures, and furniture.

DUTIES. The Governor is commander-in-chief of the State militia. Calls special sessions of the Legislature. Sends messages to the Legislature at the beginning of every session of the Legislature and at the close of his term of office. Presents at the opening of each regular session of the Legislature estimates of the amount of money required to be raised by taxation for the support of the government. Has the power to veto separate items in appropriation bills. Causes the laws to be executed; conducts business of State with other States and with the United States. Grants reprieves, commutations of punishment and pardons, after conviction, in all criminal cases, except treason and impeachment. Remits fines and forfeitures under rules prescribed by the Legislature. Appoints, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Secretary of State, notaries public, and to all vacancies in State or district offices, except members of the Legislature. Appoints all other officers, the appointment of whom is by law vested in the Governor. Receives reports from the executive officers of the State and managers of State Institutions; may require written information from them and may investigate their books, accounts, vouchers, and public funds.

The Governor is ex-officio president of Board of Education, chairman of Text-Book Board, Water and Light Board, member of Naval Board, Board of Supervisors of Warehouses, Anti-Tuberculosis Commission, Board to Calculate Tax Rate, Board to Advise with Purchasing Agent, Board to Approve Contracts for Fuel and Public Printing, and ex-officio member of the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 5.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$39,272.

HEALTH, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1903.

COMPOSITION. Seven members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be legally qualified practicing physicians of ten years' experience in actual practice of medicine in Texas, of good professional standing, and graduates of reputable medical colleges.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. President of the Board receives \$2,500 per year; other members are allowed \$10 a day for attendance upon the meetings of the Board and traveling expenses, provided that no member of the Board shall receive more than \$500 annually.

DUTIES. Has general supervision and control of all matters per-

taining to the health of the citizens of Texas. Makes a study of the causes and prevention of infection of contagious diseases affecting the lives of citizens of the State; has direction and control of all matters of quarantine regulations and enforcement; full power and authority to prevent the entrance of such diseases from points without the State, and direction and control over all sanitary and quarantine measures for dealing with such diseases within the State and to suppress same and prevent their spread. Coöperates with the International Health Commission in the eradication of diseases due to soil pollution in Texas, and with the Public Health Service of the United States.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 39.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$120,480. Additional appropriation of \$4,000 for suppression and eradication of anthrax; \$25,000 for prevention of outbreak or spread of bubonic plague in Texas.

HEALTH OFFICER, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1879.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a legally qualified practicing physician of ten years' experience in actual practice of medicine in Texas, of good professional standing, and a graduate of a reputable medical college.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. President and executive officer of the Board of Health and chairman of the Anti-Tuberculosis Commission.

HOME FOR LEPERS, STATE, SUPERINTENDENT OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a graduate of a reputable school of medicine, and authorized to practice medicine in the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$3,000 per year.

DUTIES. Active management and control of the Home for Lepers.

NOTE. The Home for Lepers has never been established.

HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED AND DEFORMED CHILDREN, STATE. See UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, BOARD OF REGENTS OF.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Three members, one of whom is chairman.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. One member at the time of his appointment must be a wage earner employed in some industry or business covered by the Employers' Liability Act, one an employer of labor in some industry or business covered by the above act, and one a practicing attorney of recognized ability.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Chairman, \$3,000 per year; other members, \$2,500 per year and other necessary expenses not to exceed \$5,000 per year.

DUTIES. Makes rules consistent with the law for carrying out and enforcing the provisions of the Employers' Liability Act.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 7.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$40,632.

INSURANCE AND BANKING, COMMISSIONER OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1876.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a citizen of the State and experienced in matters of insurance.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$4,000 per year as Commissioner of Insurance and Banking; \$500 per year as ex-officio Superintendent of Banking; \$500 per year as member of Fire Insurance Commission.

DUTIES. Sees that the laws respecting insurance and insurance companies and banking and State banks are faithfully executed.

The Commissioner of Insurance and Banking is a member of the Banking Board, Board of Supervisors of Warehouses, and chairman of Fire Insurance Commission.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 35.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$205,592.

JOHN TARLETON COLLEGE OF STEPHENVILLE, ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS, THE, BOARD OF REGENTS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the County Judge of Erath County.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be resident citizens of Erath County, of high moral character, of good education, and friendly to public education in Texas and to this institution.

TERM. Six years. Two members of the Board are appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Appointed members receive their actual and necessary traveling expenses when on business for the institution away from their respective homes.

DUTIES. General control and management of The John Tarleton College of Stephenville, Erath County, Texas.

NOTE. John Tarleton, a citizen of Palo Pinto County, on his death in 1895, left a special fund in the trust of the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the County Judge of Erath County, for the erection, endowment, and maintenance of The John Tarleton College. The Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and County Judge of Erath County served as trustees of the school until 1913, when this act was passed.

**JOHN SEALY HOSPITAL. See UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS,
BOARD OF REGENTS OF.**

JUDICIARY.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

COMPOSITION. Supreme Court, three judges; Court of Criminal Appeals, three judges; Courts of Civil Appeals, three judges each; District Courts, one judge each.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. A judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Courts of Civil Appeals, must be a citizen of the United States and of the State, thirty years of age, a practicing lawyer or judge of a court, or practicing lawyer and judge together, for at least seven years.

A district judge must be a citizen of the United States and of the State, a practicing lawyer of the State or a judge of a court in the State for four years next preceding his election, a resident of the district for which he is elected for two years next preceding his election, and a resident of his district during his term of office.

TERM. Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Courts of Civil Appeals, six years; District Judges, four years. One judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and of each of the Courts of Civil Appeals, is elected every two years.

COMPENSATION. Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, \$5,000 per year; Judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals, \$4,000 per year; District Judges, \$3,000 per year.

DUTIES. The Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction coextensive with the limits of the State over questions of law arising in cases in which the Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction, under such restrictions and regulations as the Legislature may prescribe. Unless otherwise provided by law, the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court extends to questions of law in the cases in the Courts of Civil Appeals in which the judges of any Court of Civil Appeals disagree, or where the several Courts of Civil Appeals hold differently on the same question of law, or where a statute of the State is held void.

The Court of Criminal Appeals has appellate jurisdiction coextensive with the limits of the State in all criminal cases of whatever grade, with such exceptions and under such regulations as may be prescribed by law.

The Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction coextensive with the limits of their respective districts over all civil cases of which the District Courts or County Courts have original or appellate jurisdiction under such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by law; and the decision of such courts is conclusive on all questions of fact brought before them on appeal or error. The courts have such other jurisdiction, original and appellate as may be prescribed by law.

The District Courts have original jurisdiction of all criminal cases of the grade of felony; in all suits in behalf of the State to recover penalties, forfeitures and escheats; of all cases of divorce; of all misdemeanors involving official misconduct; of all suits to recover dam-

ages for slander or defamation of character; of all suits for trial of titles to land, and for the enforcement of liens thereon; of all suits for the trial of the right of property levied upon by virtue of any writ of execution, sequestration or attachment when the property levied on is equal to or exceeds in value \$500; of all suits, complaints or pleas whatever without regard to any distinction between law and equity, when the matter in controversy is valued at or amounts to \$500 exclusive of interest; and of contested elections. District Courts and Judges have the power to issue writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction and certiorari and all writs necessary to enforce their jurisdiction. District Courts have appellate jurisdiction and general control in probate matters over the County Court established in each county for appointing guardians, granting letters testamentary and of administration, probating wills, for settling the accounts of executors, administrators and guardians, and for the transaction of all business appertaining to estates; and original jurisdiction and general control over executors, administrators, guardians and minors under such regulations as may be prescribed by law. District Courts have appellate jurisdiction and general supervisory control over the County Commissioners' Court with such exceptions and under such regulations as may be prescribed by law; and have general original jurisdiction of all causes of action whatever for which a remedy or jurisdiction is not provided by law or the Constitution, and such other jurisdiction, original and appellate as may be provided by law.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

Supreme Court. 13.

Court of Criminal Appeals. 11.

Courts of Civil Appeals, nine. 54.

District Courts, eighty-two. 133.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

Supreme Court. \$68,620.

Court of Criminal Appeals. \$63,266.

Courts of Civil Appeals, nine. \$269,346.

District Courts, eighty-two. \$1,702,400.

JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL, THE STATE, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1887.

COMPOSITION. Six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be persons of high character and ability, known for their interest in the welfare of the unfortunate classes.

TERM. Six years. Two members of the Board are appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. \$5 per day and traveling and other necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of official duties.

DUTIES. Advisory control of the Juvenile Training School.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 50.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$230,740.

LABOR STATISTICS, BUREAU OF. See LABOR STATISTICS, COMMISSIONER OF.**LABOR STATISTICS, COMMISSIONER OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. Collects, assorts, systematizes, and presents in biennial reports to the Governor statistical information relating to all departments of labor in Texas. Investigates and reports violations of labor laws to the proper officers.

The Commissioner of Labor Statistics is head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 6.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$37,710.

LAND OFFICE, GENERAL, COMMISSIONER OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Executes and performs all acts and things touching or respecting the public lands of the State, or rights of individuals in relation thereto as may be required of him by law.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office is a member of the Board of Appraisers.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 46.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$439,600. \$300,000 was appropriated in 1915 for the erection of a new office building, appropriation available September 1, 1916.

LEGAL EXAMINERS, BOARDS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1839.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. By each of the Courts of Civil Appeals for their respective districts.

QUALIFICATIONS. The same as those of the district judge. Must reside in the district for which they are appointed during their term of office.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$10 fee for each applicant examined.

DUTIES. Examine applicants for licenses to practice law and issue licenses to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARIAN.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Library and Historical Commission.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be competent to conduct legislative reference work.

COMPENSATION. \$1,500 per year.

DUTIES. Keeps available for use check lists and catalogues of the current legislation of the State and other states, catalogues of the bills and resolutions presented in either branch of the legislature, check lists of the public documents of the several states, including all reports issued by the various departments, boards and commissions of the State, digests of the public laws of the State and other states available for legislative use. Aids and assists members of the Legislature in drafting bills and resolutions, when requested.

LEGISLATURE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

COMPOSITION. Two houses: Senate and House of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. A Senator must be twenty-six years of age, a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector of the State, a resident of the State for five years next preceding his election, and a resident for one year next preceding his election of the district for which he shall be chosen.

A Representative must be twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector of the State, a resident of the State for two years next preceding his election, and a resident for one year next preceding his election of the district for which he shall be chosen.

TERM. Senators, four years; Representatives, two years. One-half of the Senators are chosen biennially.

COMPENSATION. Senators and Representatives receive \$5 for the first sixty days of each regular session, and after that not exceeding \$2 per day for the remainder of the session, and traveling expenses not to exceed twenty cents a mile in going to and returning from meetings of the Legislature. Also \$5 per day for called sessions.

DUTIES. Passes such laws as are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the Constitution.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS. Senators, 31; Representatives, 142.

APPROPRIATION. The Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, at its regular session appropriated \$125,000 to pay the mileage and salaries of members and of officers and employes of the Legislature, and \$30,000 to pay the contingent expenses of the Legislature, and at its first called session, \$60,000 for salaries and mileage, and \$16,000 for contingent expenses.

LIBRARIAN, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1866.

APPOINTMENT. By the Library and Historical Commission.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be an experienced librarian.

TERM. At the will of the Commission.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year and actual expenses when traveling in the services of the Commission.

DUTIES. Secretary of the Library and Historical Commission; records the proceedings of the Commission; keeps an accurate account of its financial transactions, and performs such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commission. Has general charge and is executive head of the State Library.

LIBRARY, STATE. See LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TEXAS.**LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TEXAS.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Five members: Superintendent of Public Instruction, Head of the School of History at the University of Texas, and three other members appointed by the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Commission, and in visiting and establishing libraries.

DUTIES. Controls and administers the State Library, established 1839; adopts and enforces rules and regulations for its administration and control; aids and encourages libraries; collects materials relating to the history of Texas and adjoining states; preserves, classifies, and publishes the manuscript archives and other matters; diffuses knowledge in regard to the history of Texas; encourages historical work and research; marks historic sites and houses and secures their preservation; aids students of legislative problems; and distributes State reports among the free public libraries of Texas.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 11.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$29,036.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. The same as those of the Governor.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. As President of the Senate he receives the same compensation and mileage as Senators. As acting Governor he receives the same compensation which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office.

DUTIES. The Lieutenant-Governor is president of the Senate and has in Committee of the Whole a right to debate and vote on all questions, and in case of an equal division of the Senate, he gives the casting vote. In case of the death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or refusal of the Governor to serve, or of his impeachment or absence from the State, the Lieutenant-Governor exercises the powers and authority of Governor until another Governor is elected and qualified, or until the Governor is acquitted from impeachment, returns from absence, or recovers from disability.

The Lieutenant-Governor is a member of the Governing Board for Agricultural Experimental Sub-Stations.

LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSION.

DATE OF CREATION. 1893.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be practical live stock raisers in Texas, and have been actively engaged in that business for five years previous to

appointment, and must be bona fide residents of and stock raisers in that section of the State from which they are appointed. One is appointed from the western, one from the southern, and one from the eastern portion of the State.

COMPENSATION. Chairman, \$2,000 and expenses; two Commissioners, \$1,000 each and expenses.

DUTIES. Protects the domestic animals of the State from all contagious, infectious diseases of a communicable character; establishes and enforces such quarantine lines and sanitary rules and regulations as it may deem necessary, and coöperates with other live stock sanitary commissions and officers of other states, and with the United States Secretary of Agriculture in establishing interstate quarantine lines, rules, and regulations.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 45.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$131,000.

**LUNATIC ASYLUM, STATE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See
BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.**

MASONRY, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND WORKS, STATE INSPECTOR OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1866.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a skilled mechanic of at least ten years' practical experience next prior to his appointment, in brick and masonry work and their substitutes.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year and actual and necessary traveling expenses while engaged in the performance of his duties, not to exceed \$1,500 per year.

DUTIES. Examines and inspects the material and workmanship of all buildings, and other structures and additions thereto, that may be constructed by contract or otherwise for the State, out of brick or stone or their substitutes; and sees that such buildings are constructed in accordance with the contract, the plans, and specifications therefor.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 4.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$22,700.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1837.

COMPOSITION. Eleven members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be learned in medicine, legal and active practitioners in Texas, who must have resided and practiced medicine in the State under a diploma from a legal and reputable college of medicine of the school to which the practitioner belongs, for more than three years prior to their appointment.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Expenses and compensation of the Board are paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for licenses to practice medicine in Texas and issues licenses to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

MINES, STATE INSPECTOR OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor, upon recommendation of the Mining Board.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State for one year, of temperate habits, of good repute, of personal integrity, thirty years of age, and must have had five years' experience working in and around coal mines, and no pecuniary interest in any mine in the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year and necessary traveling expenses not to exceed \$1,000 per year.

DUTIES. Enforces the mining laws and regulations under the instructions of the Mining Board, and reports to the Mining Board and to the proper county authorities all violations of the law.

MINING BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

COMPOSITION. Seven members.

APPOINTMENT. Six members are appointed by the Governor; these six members nominate to the Governor the seventh member of the Board.

TERM. Two years.

QUALIFICATIONS. Three members must be practical miners, three must be mine operators.

COMPENSATION. \$5 per day for a period not exceeding thirty days in any one year, and traveling expenses in going to and returning from Board meetings.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for the office of Inspector of Mines; recommends to the Governor the person to be appointed, and exercises supervision over the acts of the Inspector of Mines.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 8.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$7,200.

NAVAL BOARD, TEXAS.

DATE OF CREATION. 1915.

COMPOSITION. Two members: Governor and one person appointed by him.

DUTIES. Makes rules and regulations necessary for creating and maintaining an efficient naval militia, and coöperates with the Secretary of the Navy of the United States in putting into effect in Texas the provisions of an act of the Sixty-third Congress to promulgate the efficiency of the naval militia.

NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

COMPOSITION. Six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of the Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. \$5 per day for time spent in attendance upon the meetings of the Board, and traveling expenses.

DUTIES. General control and management of all Normal Schools for white teachers.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Sam Houston Normal Institute. 39.

North Texas State Normal College. 42.

Southwest Texas State Normal School. 39.

West Texas State Normal College. 29.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

Sam Houston Normal Institute. \$262,100.

North Texas State Normal College. \$208,300.

Southwest Texas State Normal School. \$192,250.

West Texas State Normal College. \$259,880.

NOTE. The Normal Schools of the State are: Sam Houston Normal Institute, established 1879; North Texas State Normal College, established 1899; Southwest Texas State Normal School, established 1899; and West Texas State Normal College, established 1909.

The Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, provided for three more Normal Schools, to be called, "The South Texas State Normal College," "The Stephen F. Austin State Normal College," and the "Central West Texas State Normal College;" one to be opened to students on October 1, 1917, another on October 1, 1918, and another on October 1, 1919. A committee consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Attorney-General, and two citizens to be appointed by the Supreme Court was created to locate the normal colleges. The Supreme Court refused to make the appointments, and the act is for all purposes null and void.

The Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College for colored teachers, established 1879, is under the control and supervision of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Previous to 1911 the Normal Schools were under the control of the Board of Education, assisted by local Boards of Directors.

NORTH TEXAS HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See **BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF,** etc.

NORTH TEXAS STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See **NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.**

NURSE EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be trained nurses of at least twenty-three years of age, of good moral character, and graduates of a training school connected with a general hospital or sanitarium of good standing, presided over by a graduate nurse, where a two years' training with a systematic course of instruction is given in the wards. Two members of the Board must be nurses who have had at least two years' experience in educational work among nurses.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Expenses of Board are paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for registration as nurses and issues certificates to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

ORPHANS' HOME, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.**PARDON ADVISERS, BOARD OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1893.

COMPOSITION. Two members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year each.

DUTIES. Examines each application for pardon and reports thereon to the Governor. May investigate the condition of convicts. Performs any other work in connection with this business which the Governor may direct.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 3.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$12,700.

PARKS, STATE. See GONZALES STATE PARK COMMISSIONERS and SAN JACINTO STATE PARK COMMISSIONERS.**PASTEUR INSTITUTE, STATE. See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.****PENITENTIARIES, STATE. See PRISON COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF.****PENSIONS. COMMISSIONER OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. Two years. Office shall continue for ten years only, unless continued by further legislation.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. Examines and passes upon pension claims under the existing law and keeps a record of all approved claims.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 3.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$33,800. \$22,000 of this sum is to pay Mexican War pensions and is administered by the Comptroller's Department.

NOTE. The Commissioner of Pensions controls only Confederate pensions. The pension fund is derived from a special tax of five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of all taxable property in the State, levied and collected annually in the same manner as other taxes.

PHARMACY, THE TEXAS BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1889.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor from a double list submitted by the Texas Pharmaceutical Association.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be licensed pharmacists, actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in the State at the time of their appointment and for five years immediately preceding their appointment.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Board determines the pay of members. Shall not exceed \$5 per day for days spent in the discharge of official duties. Expenses incurred in discharge of duties and compensation are paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for registration as pharmacists and issues certificates to applicants upon satisfactory proof of competency.

PILOTS, BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF. See PILOTS, COMMISSIONERS OF.

PILOTS, COMMISSIONERS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1846.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. The Governor and Senate appoint a Board for each port whose population and circumstances warrant it.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be persons of reputable standing, three of whom must be practical seamen; the other two, merchants.

TERM. Two years.

DUTIES. Examine each applicant for the office of branch or deputy pilot; decide on his qualifications and recommend to the Governor such as are meritorious. Examine into cases of misconduct or inefficiency of such pilots, and suspend them from office.

NOTE. Galveston, Houston, Port Aransas, Sabine Pass, River and Canal have Commissioners of Pilots.

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE. See AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF.

PRINTER, STATE EXPERT.

DATE OF CREATION. 1841.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Public Printing.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a competent practical printer.

COMPENSATION. \$1,800 per year.

DUTIES. Secretary of the Printing Board and ex-officio instructor in the art of printing at the Deaf and Dumb Institute. Advises with and assists the Board in advertising for proposals for printing and stationery, and in making contracts therefor; examines the work done and stationery furnished under such contracts, and certifies to the Board whether the same are correct and in accordance with law and with the contracts of the contractors.

PRINTING, PUBLIC, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1859.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Attorney-General, Treasurer, and Secretary of State.

DUTIES. Make contracts for the printing and stationery for the Legislature and State departments, except the judicial department and such work as may be done at the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 4.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$83,900.

PRISON COMMISSION. See PRISON COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF.

PRISON COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1846.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Each member receives \$300 per month and actual traveling expenses when traveling on business of the prison system.

DUTIES. Has exclusive management and control of the prison system of the State, and is responsible for the proper care, treatment, feeding, clothing, and management of prisoners, and for the faithful enforcement of the laws and rules governing the system.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 391.

APPROPRIATION. The prison system is self-sustaining. In 1915 \$465,000 was appropriated to pay the current expenses of the Board of Prison Commissioners for 1915, and to place the prison system on a sound financial basis.

NOTE. The Texas prison system consists of the Penitentiary at Huntsville, established 1842; the Penitentiary at Rusk, established 1875; and fourteen Prison Farms.

PRISON FARMS, STATE. See PRISON COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF.

PURCHASING AGENT, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1899.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$3,000 per year.

DUTIES. Contracts for all supplies, merchandise, and other articles needed for the maintenance and operation of all charitable, educational

and eleemosynary institutions of the State, except perishable supplies, and goods designated to be "special equipment."

The State Purchasing Agent is a member of the Board to Advise with the Purchasing Agent.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 4.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$15,460.

NOTE. The Purchasing Agent buys for the following State institutions: Texas School for the Blind; Deaf and Dumb Institute; Confederate Home; Lunatic Asylum; Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute for Colored Youths; Confederate Woman's Home; Epileptic Colony; Orphans' Home; Tuberculosis Sanatorium; Southwestern Insane Asylum; Juvenile Training School; North Texas Hospital for the Insane; Girls' Training School; Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; College of Industrial Arts for Women; North Texas State Normal College; Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; Sam Houston Normal Institute; Southwest Texas State Normal School; University of Texas; West Texas State Normal College; Farm Colony for the Feeble Minded.

PURCHASING AGENT, BOARD TO ADVISE WITH.

DATE OF CREATION. 1899.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Comptroller and Purchasing Agent.

DUTIES. Designates what supplies are perishable, and what are "Special supplies for educational institutions." Meets annually with the Purchasing Agent when sealed bids are opened.

PURE FOOD COMMISSIONER. See DAIRY AND FOOD COMMISSIONER.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

DATE OF CREATION. 1891.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be resident citizens of the State, qualified voters under the Constitution and laws, and not less than twenty-five years of age.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Commission is elected every two years.

COMPENSATION. \$4,000 per year each, and traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Adopts all necessary rates, charges, and regulations to govern and regulate railroad, freight, and passenger tariffs. Corrects abuses and prevents unjust discrimination and extortion in rates of freight and passenger tariffs on the different railroads in the State, and enforces the same by having the penalties provided inflicted through courts having jurisdiction.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 15.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$86,360.

RANGERS, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

COMPOSITION. Not more than four companies of mounted men;

each company consists of not more than one captain, one first sergeant, and twenty privates.

APPOINTMENT. Captains of companies are appointed by the Governor. Captains appoint privates and sergeants.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Captains, \$100 per month; sergeants, \$50 per month; and privates, \$40 per month.

DUTIES. The ranger force was organized for the purpose of protecting the frontier against marauding or thieving parties, and for the suppression of lawlessness and crime throughout the State. Rangers have all the powers of peace officers and aid the regular civil authorities in the execution of the laws.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND MEN. 84.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$60,000.

NOTE. The Assistant Quartermaster-General is quartermaster, commissary, and paymaster of the ranger force.

RECLAMATION ENGINEER, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a thoroughly experienced and skilled topographer and hydrographer and draftsman and reclamation engineer; and must have had not less than five years' actual experience in the organizing and supervising of geodetic and topographic surveying and mapping of large areas, and in the general direction of field and office engineering corps. Must be thoroughly experienced in making and passing upon reclamation plans and estimates, and in the preparation and writing of technical reports and publications, and in the reproduction of maps.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$3,600 per year, and necessary traveling and station expenses while engaged upon his official duties in the field.

DUTIES. General supervision of all work authorized by the Act of 1913 creating the department, to wit: Devising and planning and marking out on the ground all the improvements necessary to reclaim for agricultural uses the overflowed and swamp lands and overflowed area in the coastal plain and other lands within the State; and in this connection makes the necessary investigations, examinations, surveys and maps. May make agreements and contracts for coöperation with any branch of the federal, state, county or city governments for any part of such work. By the Levee Improvement District Law of 1915, before any person, corporation, or levee improvement district may erect levees, plans therefor must be submitted to the Reclamation Engineer for approval, under penalty.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 9.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$52,000.

REVENUE AGENT, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1891.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year and actual traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Investigates the books and accounts of the assessing and

collecting officers of the State, and all officers and persons disbursing, receiving, or having in their possession public funds, when directed by the Governor. Makes such other investigations and performs such other duties in the interest of the public revenues as the Governor may direct. Investigates and ascertains all sums of money due the State from any source whatever, the ascertainment and collection of which does not devolve upon other officers of the State under existing law, and reports all such facts to the Governor.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 3.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$14,700.

REVISION, BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

COMPOSITION. Three members: President of the College of Industrial Arts for Women, President of the University of Texas, and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

TERM. Serve for the entire time of the adoption authorized under the provisions of the act creating the Text Book Board; namely, six years, beginning September 1, 1913.

DUTIES. Requires such changes, amendments, or additions to the books adopted by the Text-Book Board as in their judgment will be for the best interest of the Texas Public Schools.

SAM HOUSTON NORMAL INSTITUTE. See NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.

SAN JACINTO STATE PARK COMMISSIONERS.

DATE OF CREATION. 1897.

COMPOSITION. Three members. One or more members may be selected from the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas or from any other kindred organization.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be resident citizens of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Serve without compensation.

DUTIES. Advise with and assist the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds in the improvement, care and preservation of the San Jacinto State Park.

NOTE. The State acquired the lands for the San Jacinto State Park by authority of acts of the Legislature of May 6, 1897, May 23, 1899, and March 28, 1907.

SCHOOL OF MINES AND METALLURGY, STATE. See UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, BOARD OF REGENTS OF.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. During the term of service of the Governor.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. Authenticates the publication of the laws; keeps a register of all official acts and proceedings of the Governor; and

on request, submits to the Legislature or either House the same with all papers, minutes, and vouchers connected therewith. Performs all other duties required of him by law. Is the keeper of the Seal of State and uses it officially under the direction of the Governor.

The Secretary of State is a member of the Board of Education, Board of Public Printing, Intangible Tax Board, Board of Contractors to Buy Fuel for the State Departments, and Board to Approve Contracts for Fuel and Public Printing.

SOUTH TEXAS STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See **NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.**

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE NORMAL SCHOOL. See **NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.**

SOUTHWESTERN INSANE ASYLUM, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See **BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.**

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See **NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.**

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1866.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Administration of the school laws and a general superintendency of the business relating to the public schools of the State. Hears and determines all appeals from the rulings of the decisions of subordinate school officers, and his decisions are final when not reversed by the Board of Education. Prescribes suitable forms and blanks for subordinate school officers and teachers and prepares and transmits to them instructions for the execution of the school laws. Examines and approves all accounts against the school fund that are to be paid by the Treasurer.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is a member of the Library and Historical Commission, Board of Revision, Board of Control for Girls' Training School, secretary of Text-Book Board, ex-officio secretary of Board of Education, and ex-officio member of the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection, and Board of Managers for the Farm Colony for the Feeble Minded.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 21.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$180,960.

TAX BOARD, AUTOMATIC. See **TAX RATE, STATE BOARD TO CALCULATE.**

TAX BOARD, INTANGIBLE, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1905.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Comptroller, Secretary of State, and Tax Commissioner.

DUTIES. Receives from every incorporated railroad company, ferry company, bridge company, turn-pike or toll company doing business in the State an annual report of their intangible assets and property. Considers such reports, makes a preliminary estimate of the true value, the physical value, and the value of the intangible property in the State, and, after hearings, makes a final valuation of the intangible assets. Apportions the total taxable values in the State to the counties in which such companies have their main lines, and certifies to the tax assessors of those counties the amount of the intangible assets apportioned to the county.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 4.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$9,663.

TAX COMMISSIONER, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1905.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Chairman and executive officer of the Intangible Tax Board.

TAX RATE, STATE BOARD TO CALCULATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Comptroller, and Treasurer.

DUTIES. Calculates the ad valorem rate for taxes to be levied and collected each year for State and public free school purposes, based on estimates of the taxable values furnished by the tax assessors of the State.

TEACHERS, STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1893.

COMPOSITION. Not less than three members. Superintendent of Public Instruction may increase or decrease number. Present Board has five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be competent teachers living in the State.

TERM. Serve during the pleasure of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

COMPENSATION. Paid from fees collected by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines the papers of applicants for teachers' certificates forwarded to them by county boards of examiners and makes a report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Prepares all questions used in examinations for teaching certificates.

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF.

See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.

TEXT-BOOK BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1891.

COMPOSITION. Eleven members: Governor, chairman, Superintendent of Public Instruction, secretary, and nine other members.

APPOINTMENT. Appointed by the Governor from a list of thirty prominent teachers, five of whom must be primary teachers of recognized ability and three years' experience in the State, submitted by the President of the College of Industrial Arts for Women, President of the University of Texas, and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Governor selects nine, one being a primary teacher.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Teachers on the Board receive \$5 per day while on active duty and actual traveling expenses in going to and returning from the place of meeting.

DUTIES. Selects and adopts text-books for the use of the public schools of Texas for a period of six years, beginning September 1, 1913.

TREASURER.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Receives, on the warrants of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, all moneys paid into the treasury of the State; countersigns and pays all warrants drawn by the Comptroller of Public Accounts on the treasury; keeps accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the public moneys of the treasury and opens an account in the treasury for all appropriations of money made by law.

The Treasurer is a member of the Banking Board, Board of Public Printing, Board to Calculate Tax Rate, Board of Contractors to Buy Fuel for the State Departments, Depository Board, and Board to Select Auditor for the Prison System.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 8.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$26,485.

**TUBERCULOSIS COLONIES, BOARD OF CONTROL FOR. See
TUBERCULOSIS, ANTI-, COMMISSION OF TEXAS.****TUBERCULOSIS, ANTI-, COMMISSION OF TEXAS.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

COMPOSITION. Six members: Governor, Health Officer, chairman, and four citizens appointed by the Governor.

TERM. Hold office during the term of their good behavior.

COMPENSATION. Citizens of Commission receive \$5 per day for attending to their duties as Commissioners and expenses incurred.

DUTIES. General control and management of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 44.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$272,950.

TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM. See TUBERCULOSIS, ANTI-COMMISSION OF TEXAS.**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, BOARD OF REGENTS OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1858.

COMPOSITION. Nine members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of the Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. Reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties paid from available University funds.

DUTIES. General control and management of the University of Texas and of the lands that have been set aside for the support of the University. Supervision of the School of Mines and Metallurgy, established 1913, and of the Hospital for Crippled and Deformed Children, established 1915.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

University of Texas. 515.

School of Mines and Metallurgy. 15.

Hospital for Crippled and Deformed Children. 4.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

University of Texas. \$1,423,364.32.

School of Mines and Metallurgy. \$40,375.

Hospital for Crippled and Deformed Children. \$9,490.

NOTE. The Hospital for Crippled and Deformed Children was established in 1915, following the gift to the State by the Texas Public Health Association of the Walter Colquitt Memorial Children's Hospital. It is conducted under the management of the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston.

The John Sealy Hospital is owned by the University of Texas and is leased to the City of Galveston, which appoints its Board of Managers and maintains it as a city hospital for the free treatment of the indigent sick and disabled. The hospital is used as a medical hospital in connection with the Medical Department of the University of Texas, and the Board of Regents of the University of Texas appoints the visiting staff to the hospital from the medical faculty.

NOTE. The Constitution of 1876, Article 16, Section 30, provided that the duration of all offices not fixed by the Constitution should never exceed two years.

By amendment to the Constitution adopted December 21, 1894, it was provided that the term of office of railroad commissioners should be six years.

By amendment to the Constitution, adopted November 5, 1912, it was provided that "The Legislature may provide by law that the members of the Board of Regents of the State University and Board of Trustees or Managers, of the educational, eleemosynary, and penal institutions of the State, and such boards as have been or may hereafter be established by law, may hold their respective offices for the term of six years, one-third of the membership of such

Boards to be elected or appointed every two years in such manner as the Legislature may determine."

By act of April 2, 1913, the Legislature enacted into law the provisions of the above amendment.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, BOARD OF VISITORS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1858.

APPOINTMENT. By the Legislature at each regular session.

COMPENSATION. Reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties paid from available University funds.

DUTIES. Attends the annual examinations of the University and its branches and reports to the Legislature.

NOTE. This Board performs no functions today.

VETERINARIAN, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

APPOINTMENT. By the Live Stock Sanitary Commission.

COMPENSATION. \$1,800 per year and traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Assists the Live Stock Sanitary Commission in the inspection, quarantining, and disinfection of premises and live stock, and in performing other duties imposed by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission Law.

VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

COMPOSITION. Seven members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor from a list of eligible practitioners furnished by the State Veterinary Medical Association.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be graduates of legally organized and recognized veterinary colleges, of good standing in their profession, and must have had two years' actual practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary surgery in Texas.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$10 per day while in the actual service of the Board and traveling expenses. Compensation paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for certificates of license to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary surgery in Texas and issues certificates of license to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

WAREHOUSES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1914.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Commissioner of Insurance and Banking.

DUTIES. Controls the administration of the act providing for a system of bonded warehouses, and for providing a method of co-operative marketing for those engaged in the production of farm and ranch products. Formulates and enforces necessary rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes and provisions of the act.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 24.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$132,600.

WATER AND LIGHT BOARD.

DATE OF CREATION. 1903.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, chairman, Attorney-General, and Comptroller.

DUTIES. Makes rules and regulations for the operation of the system of waterworks, electric light and power, supplying with power, light, and water the Capitol, the General Land Office, the Governor's Mansion, University, and the various public institutions of the State in the City of Austin and adjacent thereto.

WATER ENGINEERS, BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be from the three water divisions of the State; must have technical knowledge and practical experience and skill that will fit them for the duties of the office.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Each member of the Board receives \$3,600 per year, and necessary traveling expenses while traveling on the business of the Board.

DUTIES. Regulates and controls the use of public water for irrigation, mining, milling, manufacturing, the development of power, the construction and operation of waterworks for cities and towns, or for stock raising. Measures stream discharges; regulates rates under certain conditions; reduces water waste; and makes such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the General Irrigation Law, and which make for the general welfare.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 47.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$61,400. Additional appropriation by the Federal Government for coöperative work in stream gauging and duty of water measurements, \$6,500 for 1915-1916.

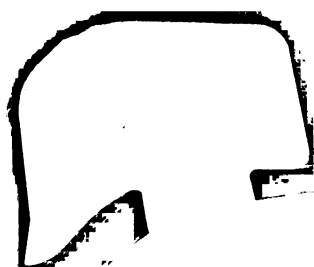
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WEST TEXAS STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.

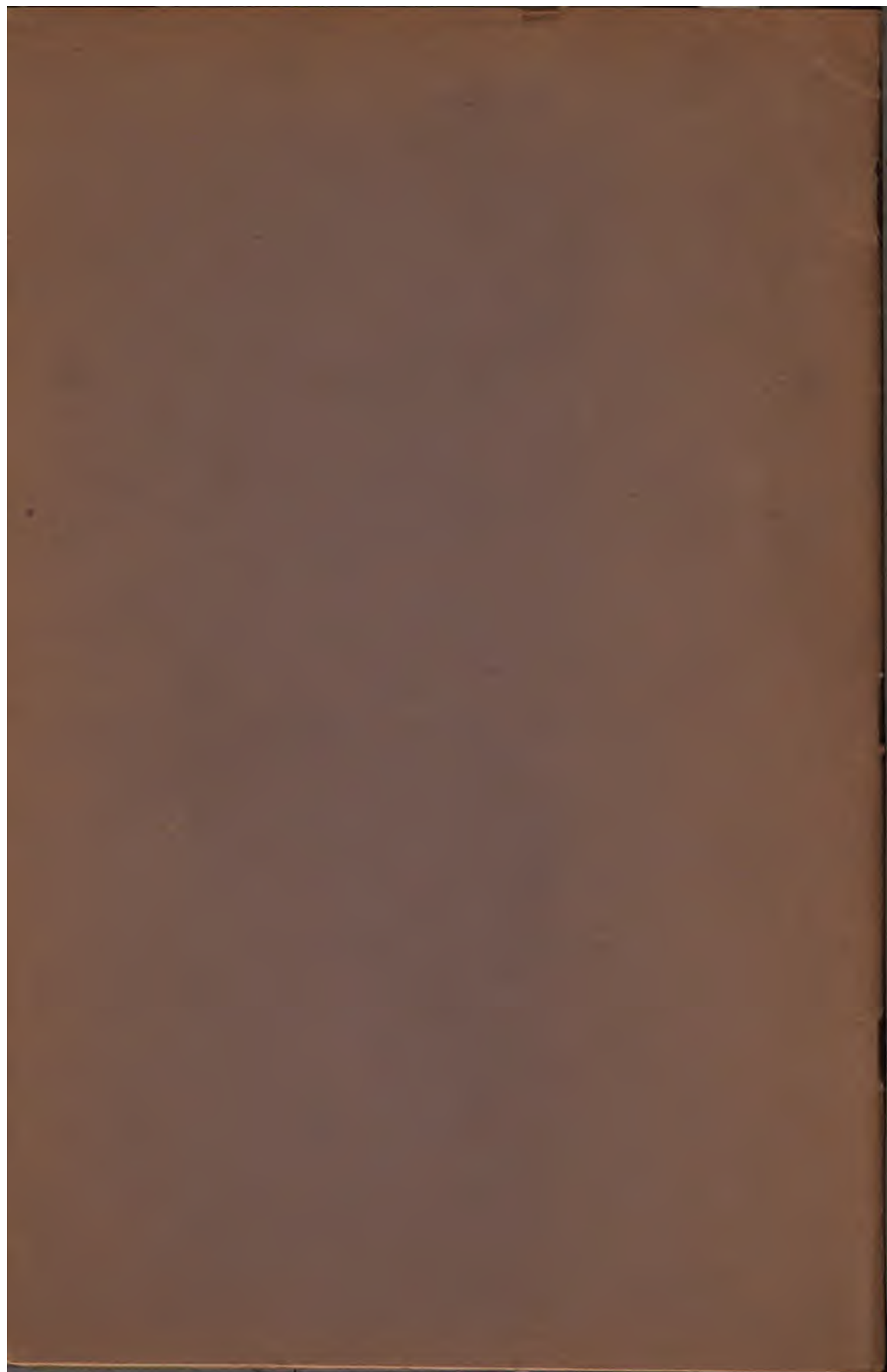
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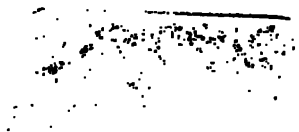


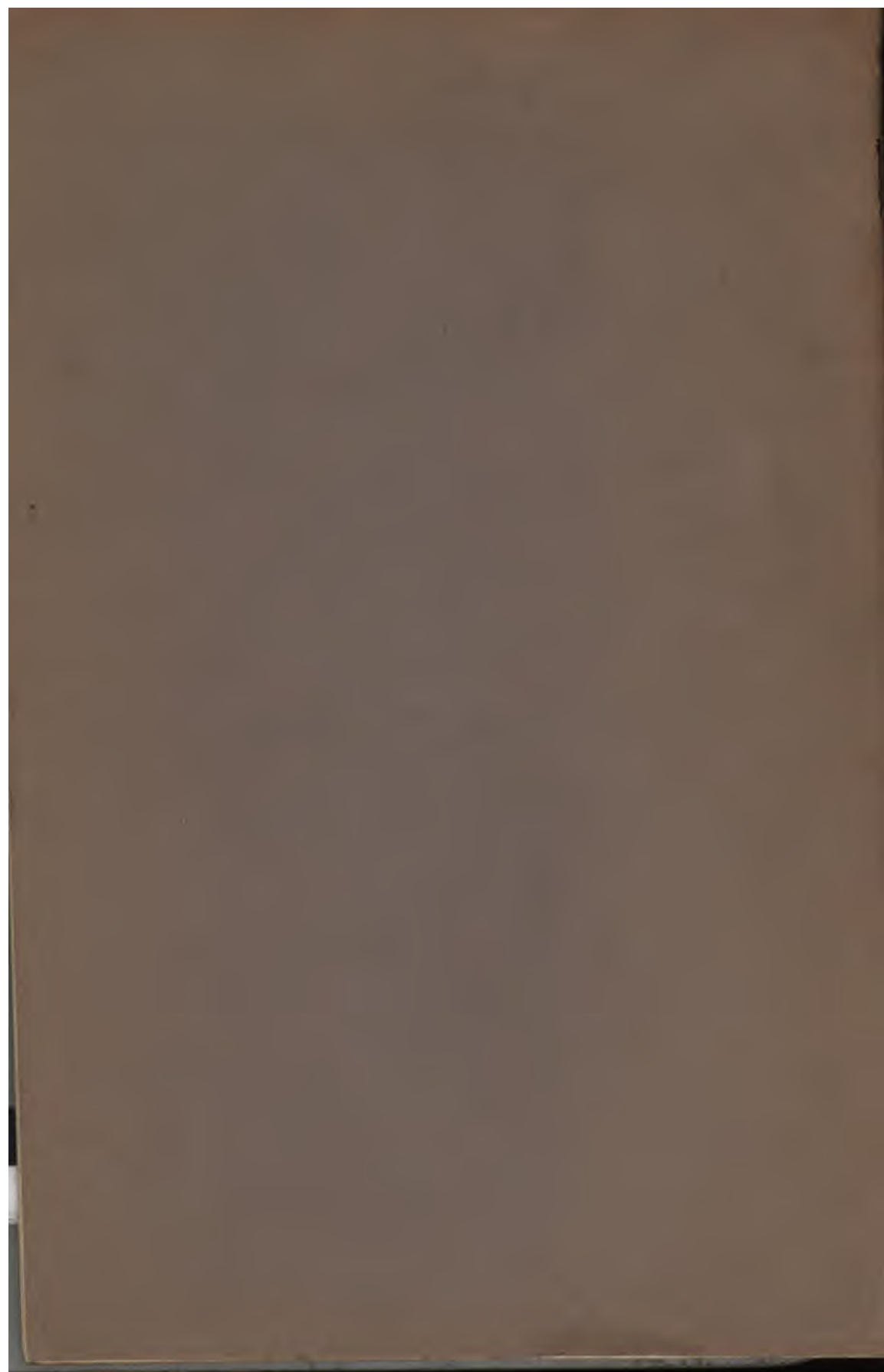
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INTRODUCTION.

There has long existed a need for a compilation that would bring together in concise form information about the various departments of state government in Texas. This information has been available from the State Constitution, statutes and session laws, but it has not been readily accessible. In publishing this information in bulletin form the Legislative Reference Division of the Texas State Library feels that it is meeting a genuine need existing in Texas and is also carrying out one of the aims for which legislative reference libraries have been established.

The bulletin has been prepared by Frank M. Stewart, Assistant in the School of Government of the University of Texas. It is the first of a series of bulletins now in preparation under the direction of Professor Charles Grove Haines in connection with the Bureau of Research in State Government and in cooperation with the Legislative Reference Division of the State Library.

The officers, boards and commissions are arranged in alphabetical order. The information regarding each office, board and commission, in so far as it is obtainable from the Constitution and laws, is grouped under the following heads: Date of Creation, Composition, Appointment, Qualifications, Term, Compensation, Total Number of Officers and Employes, and Appropriation. Additional information and explanations are found in notes.

The date of creation is the time of the establishment of the first office, or a similar one, and is not always the date of the organization of the office in its present form. No dates are used previous to the establishment of the Republic of Texas in 1836. Only actual qualifications are included, disqualifications and requirements are omitted. Under duties a short statement of the most important duties is given; numerous powers granted to an officer, board or commission could not be included. The total number of officers and employes is an approximate estimate based on information furnished by department officials or taken from official reports. The appropriations given are for the two years, ending August 31, 1916, and August 31, 1917.

The bulletin is based on the Texas Constitution and laws. Wherever possible, it has been submitted to and approved by some authority in each office. It is a description of the organization and functions of the administrative officers, boards and commissions of Texas, as they actually exist, as they are outlined in the Texas Constitution and laws and modified by executive practice.

Every effort has been made to render accurate the information presented in this bulletin, but as is inevitable in a work of this kind, some errors will have escaped notice. It is hoped that no serious mistakes or omissions have been made, and the author of the bulletin will appreciate any criticisms or suggestions for improvement.

J. F. MARRON,
Legislative Reference Librarian.

Officers, Boards and Commissions of Texas

ACCOUNTANCY, PUBLIC, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1915.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be public accountants of good moral character and qualified citizens of Texas. Each member must have had at least three years' practical experience as a public accountant in Texas next preceding his appointment. Members of the first Board shall confer upon themselves the title "Certified Public Accountant," and all members of succeeding boards must be Certified Public Accountants, holding a certificate as such, and residents of Texas for at least three years preceding their appointment.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Necessary expenses for attending the meetings of the Board, which are paid from fees collected by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for certificates as public accountants and issues certificates as "Certified Public Accountant of the State of Texas" to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. The Adjutant-General is in control of the military department of the State, subordinate only to the Governor. Performs such duties as are entrusted to him by the Governor relative to military commissions, the military forces, the military stores and supplies, or to other matters respecting military affairs of the State, and conducts the business of his department under the direction of the Governor. Performs such duties as pertain to the chief of staff, the military secretary and other chiefs of staff departments, under the regulations and customs of the United States army.

The Adjutant-General has the rank of Brigadier-General.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 5.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$124,460.

AGRICULTURE, COMMISSIONER OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1887.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be an experienced and practical farmer and have a knowledge of agriculture, manufacture and general industry.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year and necessary traveling expenses not to exceed \$600 per year.

DUTIES. Causes agricultural laws to be executed; encourages the proper development of agriculture and kindred industries; en-

courages the organization of agricultural societies; investigates subjects of drainage, irrigation and their relation to agriculture; investigates and reports upon question of broadening market for agricultural and horticultural products; investigates diseases of various crops of the State; investigates subject of grasses; inquires into subjects connected with stock raising, poultry and dairying; investigates and reports on the growing of wool; corresponds with the United States Department of Agriculture and with state departments of agriculture; collects and publishes statistics and other information concerning agriculture.

The Commissioner of Agriculture is a member of the Board of Supervisors of Warehouses.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 46.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$198,320.

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1871.

COMPOSITION. Nine members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of the Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. Actual expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the Board or in the transaction of any business of the College imposed by the Board.

DUTIES. General control and management of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and of the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College for colored teachers, established 1879.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

Agricultural and Mechanical College. 226.

Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College. 169.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

Agricultural and Mechanical College. \$1,104,250.

Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College. \$257,760.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT MAIN STATION. See AGRI- CULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL SUB-STATIONS, GOVERN- ING BOARD FOR.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL SUB-STATIONS, GOVERN- ING BOARD FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Four members: Lieutenant-Governor and three other members appointed by the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Traveling expenses and \$5 per day when actually engaged in the discharge of their duties.

DUTIES. Establishes agricultural experimental sub-stations and has general control and management of the same.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

Main Station. 11.

Sub-Stations. 53.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$270,000 for State Experimental Main and Sub-stations.

NOTE. The Agricultural Experiment Main Station, established 1888, is a department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and is under the supervision of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Agricultural Experiment Sub-Stations are located at the following places: Beeville, Troup, Angleton, Beaumont, Temple, Denton, Spur, Lubbock, Pecos, College Station, Nacogdoches and Chillicothe.

ANATOMICAL BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

COMPOSITION. Professor of Anatomy and Professor of Surgery of each of the medical schools or colleges now incorporated, and the several medical and dental schools and colleges which may hereafter be incorporated.

COMPENSATION. Actual traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Distributes and delivers dead human bodies to such institutions as are entitled to them by law.

APPRAISERS, BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Three membes: Commissioner of the General Land Office and two other members appointed by the Governor.

COMPENSATION. Each member of the Board, except the Commissioner of the General Land Office, receives \$10 per day for days spent in actual service, the number of days being limited to one hundred and fifty per year, and each of the members receives his necessary traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Appraises school land, sold on condition of settlement and forfeited for non-payment of interest, in cases where the owner has a preference right to repurchase.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$10,000.

NOTE. The work of this Board is almost completed. The act was passed to meet special conditions, which no longer exist.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year and fees not to exceed \$2,000.

DUTIES. Represents the State in all suits and pleas in the Supreme Court of the State in which the State is a party. Inquires into the charter rights of all private corporations, and takes such action as is necessary to prevent any private corporation from exercising any

power or collecting any species of taxes, tolls, freight, or wharfage, not authorized by law. Seeks a judicial forfeiture of such charters, whenever sufficient cause exists, unless otherwise directed by law. Gives legal advice to the Governor and other executive officers, when requested by them. Performs such duties as are required of him by law.

The Attorney-General is a member of the Banking Board, Board of Public Printing, Board of Contractors to Buy Fuel for the State Departments, Water and Light Board, Board to Select Auditor for the Prison System, Depository Board, and ex-officio member of the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 18.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$132,660.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL, ASSISTANT.

DATE OF CREATION. 1875.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$3,000 per year.

DUTIES. Assists the Attorney-General in representing the interests of the State in all suits, pleas and prosecutions in the Supreme Court or Courts of Appeal. Represents the State in all cases in the district or inferior courts of any county when required to do so by the Governor, or Attorney-General; performs such other duties as may be required of him by law or by the Governor or Attorney-General.

NOTE. The Assistant Attorney-General practices only in the Court of Criminal Appeals.

AUDITOR FOR THE PRISON SYSTEM, STATE BOARD TO SELECT.

DATE OF CREATION. 1910.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Comptroller, Attorney-General, and Treasurer.

DUTIES. Selects annually an auditor for the prison system and has the power to remove the same.

NOTE. Prior to 1910 by act of February 16, 1852, the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary were authorized to appoint a financial agent for the Penitentiary.

BANKING BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Attorney-General, Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and Treasurer.

DUTIES. Has control and management of the depositors' guaranty fund, and has power to adopt all necessary rules and regulations in harmony with law for the management of said fund. Has general supervision and control of the depositors' bond security system and has power of regulation, control, and supervision over all State banking corporations and trust companies as provided by the Bank Deposit Guaranty Law.

BLIND INSTITUTE, CONFEDERATE HOME, CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME, DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE, DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND INSTITUTE FOR COLORED YOUTHS, EPILEPTIC COLONY, NORTH TEXAS HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, ORPHANS' HOME, SOUTHWESTERN INSANE ASYLUM, STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM, BOARDS OF MANAGERS OF.

DATE OF CREATION.

Blind Institute. 1856.

Confederate Home. 1891.

Confederate Woman's Home. 1911.

Deaf and Dumb Institute. 1856.

Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute for Colored Youths. 1887.

Epileptic Colony. 1899.

North Texas Hospital for the Insane. 1883.

Orphans' Home. 1887.

Southwestern Insane Asylum. 1889.

State Lunatic Asylum. 1856.

COMPOSITION. Each Board consists of six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of each Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. Members of each Board, except the Board of Managers of the Confederate Woman's Home, receive \$5 per day for attendance upon meetings of the Board and traveling expenses in going to and returning from Board meetings.

DUTIES. Each Board has general control, management, and direction of the affairs, property, and business of its respective institution.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Blind Institute. 81.

Confederate Home. 65.

Confederate Woman's Home. 12.

Deaf and Dumb Institute. 99.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths. 35.

Epileptic Colony. 89.

North Texas Hospital for the Insane. 241.

Orphans' Home. 45.

Southwestern Insane Asylum. 182.

State Lunatic Asylum. 224.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

Blind Institute. \$163,090.

Confederate Home. \$183,660.

Confederate Woman's Home. \$62,690.

Deaf and Dumb Institute. \$343,340.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths. \$65,080.

Epileptic Colony. \$270,250.

North Texas Hospital for the Insane. \$694,240.

Orphans' Home. \$217,000.

Southwestern Insane Asylum. \$710,420.

State Lunatic Asylum. \$682,180.

NOTE. The Pasteur Institute for the treatment of hydrophobia, established 1903, is maintained in connection with and under the management of the State Lunatic Asylum at Austin.

By act of June 3, 1915, the name of the Blind Institute was changed to the "Texas School for the Blind," and the name of the Board of Managers of the Blind Institute was changed to "Board of Trustees of the Texas School for the Blind." Three hundred thousand dollars was appropriated for a new building site for the institution, and the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Attorney-General were constituted a Board to carry out the provisions of the act.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, PUBLIC, SUPERINTENDENT OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1874.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. For looking after State's property in Austin, \$1500 per year; for looking after State's property outside of Austin, \$500 per year.

DUTIES. Has charge and control of all public buildings, grounds, and property of the State, which may not be used by the different officers of the State government, including the State Cemetery, established 1854, and cares for and protects the same from damage, intrusion or improper uses.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 32.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$264,270. In 1915 \$125,000 was appropriated to repair and repaint the Capitol Building.

CEMETERY, STATE. See BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, PUBLIC, SUPERINTENDENT OF.

CENTRAL WEST TEXAS STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.

CHEMIST, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

DUTIES. Analyzes all commercial fertilizers sold or offered for sale within the State. Classifies fertilizers as "standard," "high grade," and "low grade." Investigates the composition, properties, and agricultural values of fertilizers or of fertilizer materials or ingredients of fertilizers sold or offered for sale within the State, and publishes the results. Serves as chemist of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

CHILD AND ANIMAL PROTECTION, STATE BUREAU OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Not less than nine, nor more than twenty-one members.

APPOINTMENT. Appointed by the Governor from and among the members of the directorate of the Texas State Humane Society. The Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Attorney-General are ex-officio members of the Board of Directors of the Bureau.

DUTIES. Secures the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of wrongs to children and dumb animals; appoints local and State agents to assist in this work; assists the organization of district and county societies and gives them representation in the State Bureau; aids such societies and agents in the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of wrongs to children and dumb animals, and promotes the growth of education and sentiment favorable to the protection of children and dumb animals.

COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS FOR WOMEN, BOARD OF REGENTS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1901.

COMPOSITION. Six members, three of whom may be women.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of the Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. Traveling expenses when in attendance upon meetings of the Board.

DUTIES. General control and management of the College of Industrial Arts for Women.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 78.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$478,787.

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

DATE OF CREATION. 1837.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Superintends the fiscal concerns of the State; keeps all accounts between the State and the United States and all other accounts in which the State is interested; audits the claims of all persons against the State; settles the accounts of all persons indebted to the State; and draws warrants on the Treasurer for the payment of all moneys directed by law to be paid out of the treasury.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts is a member of the Board of Education, Intangible Tax Board, Board to Calculate Tax Rate, Water and Light Board, Depository Board, Board to Select Auditor for the Prison System, Board to Advise with Purchasing Agent, and Board to Approve Contracts for Fuel and Public Printing.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 44.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$169,495.

CONFEDERATE HOME, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See
BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.

CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF.
See **BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF,** etc.

DAIRY AND FOOD COMMISSIONER.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a practical analytical chemist and bacteriologist.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year and actual and necessary expenses in the performance of his official duties.

DUTIES. Inquires into the quality of the foods and drug products manufactured or sold or offered for sale in the State. Procures samples of the same and makes due and careful examination and analysis of all or of any such food and drug products, to discover if the same are adulterated, or misbranded, impure or unwholesome. Makes complaint against the manufacturer or vendor thereof, in the proper county, and furnishes the evidence to obtain a conviction for the offense charged.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 14.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$48,960.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF.

See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.

DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND INSTITUTE FOR COLORED YOUTHS, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.**DEEDS, COMMISSIONERS OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1846.

APPOINTMENT. Governor may appoint one or more persons in each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or in each territory of the United States, or in each foreign state upon recommendation of the executive authority of said states, District of Columbia, or territories or foreign country.

TERM. Two years.

DUTIES. Take the acknowledgements and proofs of the execution of any deed, mortgage, or other conveyance of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, and also take the examination, acknowledgement, and declaration of married women as to all such instruments when executed by them.

NOTE. Nine Commissioners have been appointed by the present Governor; three for New York, two for Pennsylvania, two for California, one for Massachusetts, and one for England and Ireland.

DENTAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1889.

COMPOSITION. Six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be practicing dentists of acknowledged ability.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$5 per day when engaged in the duty of their office. Expenses are paid from the fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for certificates to practice dentistry or dental surgery in Texas and issues certificates to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

DEPOSITORY BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1905.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Treasurer, Comptroller, and Attorney-General.

DUTIES. Makes such rules and regulations governing the establishment and conduct of State depositories and State funds therein, as the public interest may require, not inconsistent with the State Depository Law.

EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1866.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Secretary of State, and Comptroller: Superintendent of Public Instruction is ex-officio secretary and the Governor is ex-officio president of the Board.

DUTIES. Makes a per capita apportionment of the State available school fund. Makes appropriations of Special Aid funds, provided by the Legislature, to individual high schools and to rural schools on recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Hears appeals from the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Creates independent school districts for eleemosynary institutions. Invests the permanent public free school funds of the State.

EMBALMING, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1903.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Health.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be practical and experienced embalmers and citizens of Texas.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. All expenses, salaries, and per diem to members of the Board are paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for licenses to engage in the practice of embalming and issues licenses to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, TEXAS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Twelve members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. One year, or until their successors are elected by ballot by the subscribers of the Association.

COMPENSATION. Board of Directors appointed by the Governor may incur necessary expenses not to exceed \$5,000.

DUTIES. General executive management of the Texas Employers' Insurance Association.

NOTE. The Texas Employers' Insurance Association is composed

of all employers of labor in Texas covered by the Employers' Liability Act, who wish to subscribe, with the exceptions provided in part one, section two of the act.

ENTOMOLOGIST, STATE EXPERT.

DATE OF CREATION. 1899.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be an expert entomologist.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. Devises means of destroying the Mexican boll weevil, boll worm, caterpillar, sharp-shooters, chinch bug, fly and worm, and other insect pests, and performs the duties of Professor of Entomology in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

EPILEPTIC COLONY, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.

FARM COLONY FOR THE FEEBLE MINDED, STATE, BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1915.

COMPOSITION. Five members: Superintendent of Public Instruction and the ranking Professor of Child Psychology in the Department of Education of the University of Texas, ex-officio, and three other members appointed by the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be public spirited citizens interested in measures of social betterment, one of whom must be a physician, and at least one of whom must be a woman.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Each member of the Board, except the ex-officio members, receives \$5 per day while engaged in the performance of his duties as such member, and all members receive their necessary traveling expenses.

DUTIES. General control and management of the Farm Colony for the Feeble Minded.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$100,000.

FIRE INSURANCE COMMISSION, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, chairman, and two other members appointed by the Governor and Senate. One appointed member is Secretary of the Fire Insurance Commission and the other is Fire Marshal of the Fire Insurance Commission.

TERM. Two years. One member of the Commission is appointed each year.

COMPENSATION. Appointed members, \$2,500 per year and traveling expenses; Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, \$500 per year as member of this Commission.

DUTIES. Fixes the rates of premiums to be charged and collected by fire insurance companies transacting business in the State, and

performs all other duties imposed by the Fire Insurance Commission Law.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 44.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$200,000.

FIRE MARSHAL, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year and expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

DUTIES. Investigates, at the discretion of the Board, and upon the request of the proper officials or interested parties, or upon direction of the Fire Insurance Commission; the origin, cause and circumstances of any fire occurring within the State, whereby property has been destroyed or damaged, and ascertains if possible whether the same was the result of any accident, carelessness or design. Makes a written report to the Fire Insurance Commission. Furnishes to the county or district attorney of the county in which such fire occurred, all the information and evidence obtained by him, including a copy of the testimony in the case.

The State Fire Marshal is a member of the Fire Insurance Commission.

FORESTER, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1915.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a technically trained forester of not less than two years' experience in professional forestry work.

COMPENSATION. Determined by the Board. Not to exceed \$3,000 per year. Reasonable traveling and field expenses in the performance of his official duties.

DUTIES. Under the general supervision of the Board has direction of all forest interests and all matters pertaining to forests within the State.

The State Forester is Professor of Forestry at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and Forester to the Experiment Station.

FUEL FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENTS, BOARD OF CONTRACTORS TO BUY.

DATE OF CREATION. 1876.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Attorney-General, Treasurer, and Secretary of State.

DUTIES. Contracts with any suitable persons or firms who are residents of and doing business in the State, to furnish such fuel as may be required by law or needed by any department of the State government, except the judicial department.

NOTE. This Board performs no functions today.

FUEL AND PUBLIC PRINTING, BOARD TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1876.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Secretary of State, and Comptroller.

DUTIES. Approves all contracts made by the Board of Contractors to buy fuel for the State Departments and by the Board of Public Printing.

GAME, FISH, AND OYSTER COMMISSIONER.

DATE OF CREATION. 1895.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Texas. Must be familiar with the habits of game, fish, and oysters and have some knowledge of navigation.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

DUTIES. Executes the game, fish, and oyster laws of Texas.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 36.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$95,360.

GIRLS' TRAINING SCHOOL, BOARD OF CONTROL FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Five members: Superintendent of Public Instruction, ranking Professor of Domestic Economy in the College of Industrial Arts for Women, and three other members, at least one of whom shall be a woman, appointed by the Governor.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties as members of the Board.

DUTIES. General control and management of the Girls' Training School.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 44.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$144,420.

GONZALES STATE PARK COMMISSIONERS.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Three members. One or more members may be selected from the Gonzales Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, or from any other kindred organization.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be resident citizens of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Serve without compensation.

DUTIES. Advise with and assist the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds in the improvement, care and preservation of the Gonzales State Park.

NOTE. In 1913 the State accepted title to the grounds donated by the City of Gonzales and dedicated it as a public State park to be known as "Gonzales State Park."

GOVERNOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be thirty years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the State for at least five years immediately preceding his election.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$4,000 per year, with the use and occupation of the Governor's Mansion, fixtures, and furniture.

DUTIES. The Governor is commander-in-chief of the State militia. Calls special sessions of the Legislature. Sends messages to the Legislature at the beginning of every session of the Legislature and at the close of his term of office. Presents at the opening of each regular session of the Legislature estimates of the amount of money required to be raised by taxation for the support of the government. Has the power to veto separate items in appropriation bills. Causes the laws to be executed; conducts business of State with other States and with the United States. Grants reprieves, commutations of punishment and pardons, after conviction, in all criminal cases, except treason and impeachment. Remits fines and forfeitures under rules prescribed by the Legislature. Appoints, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Secretary of State, notaries public, and to all vacancies in State or district offices, except members of the Legislature. Appoints all other officers, the appointment of whom is by law vested in the Governor. Receives reports from the executive officers of the State and managers of State Institutions; may require written information from them and may investigate their books, accounts, vouchers, and public funds.

The Governor is ex-officio president of Board of Education, chairman of Text-Book Board, Water and Light Board, member of Naval Board, Board of Supervisors of Warehouses, Anti-Tuberculosis Commission, Board to Calculate Tax Rate, Board to Advise with Purchasing Agent, Board to Approve Contracts for Fuel and Public Printing, and ex-officio member of the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 5.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$39,272.

HEALTH, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1903.

COMPOSITION. Seven members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be legally qualified practicing physicians of ten years' experience in actual practice of medicine in Texas, of good professional standing, and graduates of reputable medical colleges.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. President of the Board receives \$2,500 per year; other members are allowed \$10 a day for attendance upon the meetings of the Board and traveling expenses, provided that no member of the Board shall receive more than \$500 annually.

DUTIES. Has general supervision and control of all matters per-

taining to the health of the citizens of Texas. Makes a study of the causes and prevention of infection of contagious diseases affecting the lives of citizens of the State; has direction and control of all matters of quarantine regulations and enforcement; full power and authority to prevent the entrance of such diseases from points without the State, and direction and control over all sanitary and quarantine measures for dealing with such diseases within the State and to suppress same and prevent their spread. Coöperates with the International Health Commission in the eradication of diseases due to soil pollution in Texas, and with the Public Health Service of the United States.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 39.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$120,480. Additional appropriation of \$4,000 for suppression and eradication of anthrax; \$25,000 for prevention of outbreak or spread of bubonic plague in Texas.

HEALTH OFFICER, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1879.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a legally qualified practicing physician of ten years' experience in actual practice of medicine in Texas, of good professional standing, and a graduate of a reputable medical college.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. President and executive officer of the Board of Health and chairman of the Anti-Tuberculosis Commission.

HOME FOR LEPERS, STATE, SUPERINTENDENT OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a graduate of a reputable school of medicine, and authorized to practice medicine in the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$3,000 per year.

DUTIES. Active management and control of the Home for Lepers.

NOTE. The Home for Lepers has never been established.

HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED AND DEFORMED CHILDREN, STATE. See UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, BOARD OF REGENTS OF.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Three members, one of whom is chairman.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. One member at the time of his appointment must be a wage earner employed in some industry or business covered by the Employers' Liability Act, one an employer of labor in some industry or business covered by the above act, and one a practicing attorney of recognized ability.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Chairman, \$3,000 per year; other members, \$2,500 per year and other necessary expenses not to exceed \$5,000 per year.

DUTIES. Makes rules consistent with the law for carrying out and enforcing the provisions of the Employers' Liability Act.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 7.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$40,632.

INSURANCE AND BANKING, COMMISSIONER OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1876.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a citizen of the State and experienced in matters of insurance.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$4,000 per year as Commissioner of Insurance and Banking; \$500 per year as ex-officio Superintendent of Banking; \$500 per year as member of Fire Insurance Commission.

DUTIES. Sees that the laws respecting insurance and insurance companies and banking and State banks are faithfully executed.

The Commissioner of Insurance and Banking is a member of the Banking Board, Board of Supervisors of Warehouses, and chairman of Fire Insurance Commission.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 35.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$205,592.

JOHN TARLETON COLLEGE OF STEPHENVILLE, ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS, THE, BOARD OF REGENTS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the County Judge of Erath County.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be resident citizens of Erath County, of high moral character, of good education, and friendly to public education in Texas and to this institution.

TERM. Six years. Two members of the Board are appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Appointed members receive their actual and necessary traveling expenses when on business for the institution away from their respective homes.

DUTIES. General control and management of The John Tarleton College of Stephenville, Erath County, Texas.

NOTE. John Tarleton, a citizen of Palo Pinto County, on his death in 1895, left a special fund in the trust of the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the County Judge of Erath County, for the erection, endowment, and maintenance of The John Tarleton College. The Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and County Judge of Erath County served as trustees of the school until 1913, when this act was passed.

**JOHN SEALY HOSPITAL. See UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS,
BOARD OF REGENTS OF.**

JUDICIARY.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

COMPOSITION. Supreme Court, three judges; Court of Criminal Appeals, three judges; Courts of Civil Appeals, three judges each; District Courts, one judge each.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. A judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Courts of Civil Appeals, must be a citizen of the United States and of the State, thirty years of age, a practicing lawyer or judge of a court, or practicing lawyer and judge together, for at least seven years.

A district judge must be a citizen of the United States and of the State, a practicing lawyer of the State or a judge of a court in the State for four years next preceding his election, a resident of the district for which he is elected for two years next preceding his election, and a resident of his district during his term of office.

TERM. Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Courts of Civil Appeals, six years; District Judges, four years. One judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and of each of the Courts of Civil Appeals, is elected every two years.

COMPENSATION. Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, \$5,000 per year; Judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals, \$4,000 per year; District Judges, \$3,000 per year.

DUTIES. The Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction coextensive with the limits of the State over questions of law arising in cases in which the Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction, under such restrictions and regulations as the Legislature may prescribe. Unless otherwise provided by law, the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court extends to questions of law in the cases in the Courts of Civil Appeals in which the judges of any Court of Civil Appeals disagree, or where the several Courts of Civil Appeals hold differently on the same question of law, or where a statute of the State is held void.

The Court of Criminal Appeals has appellate jurisdiction coextensive with the limits of the State in all criminal cases of whatever grade, with such exceptions and under such regulations as may be prescribed by law.

The Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction coextensive with the limits of their respective districts over all civil cases of which the District Courts or County Courts have original or appellate jurisdiction under such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by law; and the decision of such courts is conclusive on all questions of fact brought before them on appeal or error. The courts have such other jurisdiction, original and appellate as may be prescribed by law.

The District Courts have original jurisdiction of all criminal cases of the grade of felony; in all suits in behalf of the State to recover penalties, forfeitures and escheats; of all cases of divorce; of all misdemeanors involving official misconduct; of all suits to recover dam-

ages for slander or defamation of character; of all suits for trial of titles to land, and for the enforcement of liens thereon; of all suits for the trial of the right of property levied upon by virtue of any writ of execution, sequestration or attachment when the property levied on is equal to or exceeds in value \$500; of all suits, complaints or pleas whatever without regard to any distinction between law and equity, when the matter in controversy is valued at or amounts to \$500 exclusive of interest; and of contested elections. District Courts and Judges have the power to issue writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction and certiorari and all writs necessary to enforce their jurisdiction. District Courts have appellate jurisdiction and general control in probate matters over the County Court established in each county for appointing guardians, granting letters testamentary and of administration, probating wills, for settling the accounts of executors, administrators and guardians, and for the transaction of all business appertaining to estates; and original jurisdiction and general control over executors, administrators, guardians and minors under such regulations as may be prescribed by law. District Courts have appellate jurisdiction and general supervisory control over the County Commissioners' Court with such exceptions and under such regulations as may be prescribed by law; and have general original jurisdiction of all causes of action whatever for which a remedy or jurisdiction is not provided by law or the Constitution, and such other jurisdiction, original and appellate as may be provided by law.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

Supreme Court. 13.

Court of Criminal Appeals. 11.

Courts of Civil Appeals, nine. 54.

District Courts, eighty-two. 133.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

Supreme Court. \$68,620.

Court of Criminal Appeals. \$63,266.

Courts of Civil Appeals, nine. \$269,346.

District Courts, eighty-two. \$1,702,400.

JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL, THE STATE, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1887.

COMPOSITION. Six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be persons of high character and ability, known for their interest in the welfare of the unfortunate classes.

TERM. Six years. Two members of the Board are appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. \$5 per day and traveling and other necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of official duties.

DUTIES. Advisory control of the Juvenile Training School.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 50.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$230,740.

LABOR STATISTICS, BUREAU OF. See LABOR STATISTICS, COMMISSIONER OF.**LABOR STATISTICS, COMMISSIONER OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. Collects, assorts, systematizes, and presents in biennial reports to the Governor statistical information relating to all departments of labor in Texas. Investigates and reports violations of labor laws to the proper officers.

The Commissioner of Labor Statistics is head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 6.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$37,710.

LAND OFFICE, GENERAL, COMMISSIONER OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Executes and performs all acts and things touching or respecting the public lands of the State, or rights of individuals in relation thereto as may be required of him by law.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office is a member of the Board of Appraisers.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 46.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$439,600. \$300,000 was appropriated in 1915 for the erection of a new office building, appropriation available September 1, 1916.

LEGAL EXAMINERS, BOARDS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1839.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. By each of the Courts of Civil Appeals for their respective districts.

QUALIFICATIONS. The same as those of the district judge. Must reside in the district for which they are appointed during their term of office.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$10 fee for each applicant examined.

DUTIES. Examine applicants for licenses to practice law and issue licenses to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARIAN.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Library and Historical Commission.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be competent to conduct legislative reference work.

COMPENSATION. \$1,500 per year.

DUTIES. Keeps available for use check lists and catalogues of the current legislation of the State and other states, catalogues of the bills and resolutions presented in either branch of the legislature, check lists of the public documents of the several states, including all reports issued by the various departments, boards and commissions of the State, digests of the public laws of the State and other states available for legislative use. Aids and assists members of the Legislature in drafting bills and resolutions, when requested.

LEGISLATURE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

COMPOSITION. Two houses: Senate and House of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. A Senator must be twenty-six years of age, a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector of the State, a resident of the State for five years next preceding his election, and a resident for one year next preceding his election of the district for which he shall be chosen.

A Representative must be twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector of the State, a resident of the State for two years next preceding his election, and a resident for one year next preceding his election of the district for which he shall be chosen.

TERM. Senators, four years; Representatives, two years. One-half of the Senators are chosen biennially.

COMPENSATION. Senators and Representatives receive \$5 for the first sixty days of each regular session, and after that not exceeding \$2 per day for the remainder of the session, and traveling expenses not to exceed twenty cents a mile in going to and returning from meetings of the Legislature. Also \$5 per day for called sessions.

DUTIES. Passes such laws as are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the Constitution.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS. Senators, 31; Representatives, 142.

APPROPRIATION. The Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, at its regular session appropriated \$125,000 to pay the mileage and salaries of members and of officers and employes of the Legislature, and \$30,000 to pay the contingent expenses of the Legislature, and at its first called session, \$60,000 for salaries and mileage, and \$16,000 for contingent expenses.

LIBRARIAN, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1866.

APPOINTMENT. By the Library and Historical Commission.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be an experienced librarian.

TERM. At the will of the Commission.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year and actual expenses when traveling in the services of the Commission.

DUTIES. Secretary of the Library and Historical Commission; records the proceedings of the Commission; keeps an accurate account of its financial transactions, and performs such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commission. Has general charge and is executive head of the State Library.

LIBRARY, STATE. See LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TEXAS.**LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TEXAS.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Five members: Superintendent of Public Instruction, Head of the School of History at the University of Texas, and three other members appointed by the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Commission, and in visiting and establishing libraries.

DUTIES. Controls and administers the State Library, established 1839; adopts and enforces rules and regulations for its administration and control; aids and encourages libraries; collects materials relating to the history of Texas and adjoining states; preserves, classifies, and publishes the manuscript archives and other matters; diffuses knowledge in regard to the history of Texas; encourages historical work and research; marks historic sites and houses and secures their preservation; aids students of legislative problems; and distributes State reports among the free public libraries of Texas.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 11.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$29,036.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. The same as those of the Governor.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. As President of the Senate he receives the same compensation and mileage as Senators. As acting Governor he receives the same compensation which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office.

DUTIES. The Lieutenant-Governor is president of the Senate and has in Committee of the Whole a right to debate and vote on all questions, and in case of an equal division of the Senate, he gives the casting vote. In case of the death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or refusal of the Governor to serve, or of his impeachment or absence from the State, the Lieutenant-Governor exercises the powers and authority of Governor until another Governor is elected and qualified, or until the Governor is acquitted from impeachment, returns from absence, or recovers from disability.

The Lieutenant-Governor is a member of the Governing Board for Agricultural Experimental Sub-Stations.

LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSION.

DATE OF CREATION. 1893.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be practical live stock raisers in Texas, and have been actively engaged in that business for five years previous to

agreements and shall be held in violation of and shall forfeit in such violation of the laws of the State and shall be deemed to be in violation of the laws of the State and shall be deemed to be in violation of the laws of the State.

Section 10. The Commission shall have the right to suspend any person from the exercise of his office for any cause.

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LUNATIC ASYLUM STATE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See LUNATIC INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.

MANUFACTURING, MINING, MILLING AND WORKS, STATE IN SPECTION OF.

Enacted March 27, 1890.

Appropriation. By the Legislature.

Section 1. The State Board of Manufacturing, Mining, Milling and Works, shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be the Governor, and the other two shall be appointed by the Governor.

Term. Two years.

Compensation. The Board shall have the right to employ such persons and to incur such necessary traveling expenses as may be required in the performance of its duties, not to exceed \$1,000 per year.

It shall have the right to inspect the material and workmanship of all buildings, and other structures and additions thereto, that may be constructed by contract or otherwise for the State, out of back or under the authority of the State, and see that such buildings are constructed in accordance with the contract, the plans, and specifications therefor.

Total Number of Officers and Employees. 4.

Appropriation. 1915-1917, \$22,700.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.

Date of Creation. 1897.

Composition. Eleven members.

Appointment. By the Governor.

Qualifications. Must be learned in medicine, legal and active practitioners in Texas, who must have resided and practiced medicine in the State under a diploma from a legal and reputable college of medicine of the school to which the practitioner belongs, for more than three years prior to their appointment.

Term. Two years.

Compensation. Expenses and compensation of the Board are paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for licenses to practice medicine in Texas and issues licenses to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

MINES, STATE INSPECTOR OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor, upon recommendation of the Mining Board.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State for one year, of temperate habits, of good repute, of personal integrity, thirty years of age, and must have had five years' experience working in and around coal mines, and no pecuniary interest in any mine in the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year and necessary traveling expenses not to exceed \$1,000 per year.

DUTIES. Enforces the mining laws and regulations under the instructions of the Mining Board, and reports to the Mining Board and to the proper county authorities all violations of the law.

MINING BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

COMPOSITION. Seven members.

APPOINTMENT. Six members are appointed by the Governor; these six members nominate to the Governor the seventh member of the Board.

TERM. Two years.

QUALIFICATIONS. Three members must be practical miners, three must be mine operators.

COMPENSATION. \$5 per day for a period not exceeding thirty days in any one year, and traveling expenses in going to and returning from Board meetings.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for the office of Inspector of Mines; recommends to the Governor the person to be appointed, and exercises supervision over the acts of the Inspector of Mines.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 8.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$7,200.

NAVAL BOARD, TEXAS.

DATE OF CREATION. 1915.

COMPOSITION. Two members: Governor and one person appointed by him.

DUTIES. Makes rules and regulations necessary for creating and maintaining an efficient naval militia, and coöperates with the Secretary of the Navy of the United States in putting into effect in Texas the provisions of an act of the Sixty-third Congress to promulgate the efficiency of the naval militia.

NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

COMPOSITION. Six members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of the Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. \$5 per day for time spent in attendance upon the meetings of the Board, and traveling expenses.

DUTIES. General control and management of all Normal Schools for white teachers.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Sam Houston Normal Institute. 39.

North Texas State Normal College. 42.

Southwest Texas State Normal School. 39.

West Texas State Normal College. 29.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

Sam Houston Normal Institute. \$262,100.

North Texas State Normal College. \$208,300.

Southwest Texas State Normal School. \$192,250.

West Texas State Normal College. \$259,880.

NOTE. The Normal Schools of the State are: Sam Houston Normal Institute, established 1879; North Texas State Normal College, established 1899; Southwest Texas State Normal School, established 1899; and West Texas State Normal College, established 1909.

The Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, provided for three more Normal Schools, to be called, "The South Texas State Normal College," "The Stephen F. Austin State Normal College," and the "Central West Texas State Normal College;" one to be opened to students on October 1, 1917, another on October 1, 1918, and another on October 1, 1919. A committee consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Attorney-General, and two citizens to be appointed by the Supreme Court was created to locate the normal colleges. The Supreme Court refused to make the appointments, and the act is for all purposes null and void.

The Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College for colored teachers, established 1879, is under the control and supervision of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Previous to 1911 the Normal Schools were under the control of the Board of Education, assisted by local Boards of Directors.

NORTH TEXAS HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See **BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF**, etc.

NORTH TEXAS STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See **NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.**

NURSE EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be trained nurses of at least twenty-three years of age, of good moral character, and graduates of a training school connected with a general hospital or sanitarium of good standing, presided over by a graduate nurse, where a two years' training with a systematic course of instruction is given in the wards. Two members of the Board must be nurses who have had at least two years' experience in educational work among nurses.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Expenses of Board are paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for registration as nurses and issues certificates to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

ORPHANS' HOME, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.**PARDON ADVISERS, BOARD OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1893.

COMPOSITION. Two members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year each.

DUTIES. Examines each application for pardon and reports thereon to the Governor. May investigate the condition of convicts. Performs any other work in connection with this business which the Governor may, direct.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 3.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$12,700.

PARKS, STATE. See GONZALES STATE PARK COMMISSIONERS and SAN JACINTO STATE PARK COMMISSIONERS.**PASTEUR INSTITUTE, STATE. See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.****PENITENTIARIES, STATE. See PRISON COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF.****PENSIONS. COMMISSIONER OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. Two years. Office shall continue for ten years only, unless continued by further legislation.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. Examines and passes upon pension claims under the existing law and keeps a record of all approved claims.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 3.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$33,800. \$22,000 of this sum is to pay Mexican War pensions and is administered by the Comptroller's Department.

NOTE. The Commissioner of Pensions controls only Confederate pensions. The pension fund is derived from a special tax of five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of all taxable property in the State, levied and collected annually in the same manner as other taxes.

PHARMACY, THE TEXAS BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1889.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor from a double list submitted by the Texas Pharmaceutical Association.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be licensed pharmacists, actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in the State at the time of their appointment and for five years immediately preceding their appointment.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Board determines the pay of members. Shall not exceed \$5 per day for days spent in the discharge of official duties. Expenses incurred in discharge of duties and compensation are paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for registration as pharmacists and issues certificates to applicants upon satisfactory proof of competency.

PILOTS, BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF. See PILOTS, COMMISSIONERS OF.

PILOTS, COMMISSIONERS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1846.

COMPOSITION. Five members.

APPOINTMENT. The Governor and Senate appoint a Board for each port whose population and circumstances warrant it.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be persons of reputable standing, three of whom must be practical seamen; the other two, merchants.

TERM. Two years.

DUTIES. Examine each applicant for the office of branch or deputy pilot; decide on his qualifications and recommend to the Governor such as are meritorious. Examine into cases of misconduct or inefficiency of such pilots, and suspend them from office.

NOTE. Galveston, Houston, Port Aransas, Sabine Pass, River and Canal have Commissioners of Pilots.

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE. See AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF.

PRINTER, STATE EXPERT.

DATE OF CREATION. 1841.

APPOINTMENT. By the Board of Public Printing.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a competent practical printer.

COMPENSATION. \$1,800 per year.

DUTIES. Secretary of the Printing Board and ex-officio instructor in the art of printing at the Deaf and Dumb Institute. Advises with and assists the Board in advertising for proposals for printing and stationery, and in making contracts therefor; examines the work done and stationery furnished under such contracts, and certifies to the Board whether the same are correct and in accordance with law and with the contracts of the contractors.

PRINTING, PUBLIC, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1859.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Attorney-General, Treasurer, and Secretary of State.

DUTIES. Make contracts for the printing and stationery for the Legislature and State departments, except the judicial department and such work as may be done at the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 4.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$83,900.

PRISON COMMISSION. See PRISON COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF.

PRISON COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1846.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Each member receives \$300 per month and actual traveling expenses when traveling on business of the prison system.

DUTIES. Has exclusive management and control of the prison system of the State, and is responsible for the proper care, treatment, feeding, clothing, and management of prisoners, and for the faithful enforcement of the laws and rules governing the system.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 391.

APPROPRIATION. The prison system is self-sustaining. In 1915 \$465,000 was appropriated to pay the current expenses of the Board of Prison Commissioners for 1915, and to place the prison system on a sound financial basis.

NOTE. The Texas prison system consists of the Penitentiary at Huntsville, established 1842; the Penitentiary at Rusk, established 1875; and fourteen Prison Farms.

PRISON FARMS, STATE. See PRISON COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF.

PURCHASING AGENT, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1899.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$3,000 per year.

DUTIES. Contracts for all supplies, merchandise, and other articles needed for the maintenance and operation of all charitable, educational

and eleemosynary institutions of the State, except perishable supplies, and goods designated to be "special equipment."

The State Purchasing Agent is a member of the Board to Advise with the Purchasing Agent.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 4.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$15,460.

NOTE. The Purchasing Agent buys for the following State institutions: Texas School for the Blind; Deaf and Dumb Institute; Confederate Home; Lunatic Asylum; Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute for Colored Youths; Confederate Woman's Home; Epileptic Colony; Orphans' Home; Tuberculosis Sanatorium; Southwestern Insane Asylum; Juvenile Training School; North Texas Hospital for the Insane; Girls' Training School; Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; College of Industrial Arts for Women; North Texas State Normal College; Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; Sam Houston Normal Institute; Southwest Texas State Normal School; University of Texas; West Texas State Normal College; Farm Colony for the Feeble Minded.

PURCHASING AGENT, BOARD TO ADVISE WITH.

DATE OF CREATION. 1899.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Comptroller and Purchasing Agent.

DUTIES. Designates what supplies are perishable, and what are "Special supplies for educational institutions." Meets annually with the Purchasing Agent when sealed bids are opened.

PURE FOOD COMMISSIONER. See DAIRY AND FOOD COMMISSIONER.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

DATE OF CREATION. 1891.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be resident citizens of the State, qualified voters under the Constitution and laws, and not less than twenty-five years of age.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Commission is elected every two years.

COMPENSATION. \$4,000 per year each, and traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Adopts all necessary rates, charges, and regulations to govern and regulate railroad, freight, and passenger tariffs. Corrects abuses and prevents unjust discrimination and extortion in rates of freight and passenger tariffs on the different railroads in the State, and enforces the same by having the penalties provided inflicted through courts having jurisdiction.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES. 15.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$86,360.

RANGERS, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

COMPOSITION. Not more than four companies of mounted men;

each company consists of not more than one captain, one first sergeant, and twenty privates.

APPOINTMENT. Captains of companies are appointed by the Governor. Captains appoint privates and sergeants.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Captains, \$100 per month; sergeants, \$50 per month; and privates, \$40 per month.

DUTIES. The ranger force was organized for the purpose of protecting the frontier against marauding or thieving parties, and for the suppression of lawlessness and crime throughout the State. Rangers have all the powers of peace officers and aid the regular civil authorities in the execution of the laws.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND MEN. 84.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$60,000.

NOTE. The Assistant Quartermaster-General is quartermaster, commissary, and paymaster of the ranger force.

RECLAMATION ENGINEER, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1909.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be a thoroughly experienced and skilled topographer and hydrographer and draftsman and reclamation engineer; and must have had not less than five years' actual experience in the organizing and supervising of geodetic and topographic surveying and mapping of large areas, and in the general direction of field and office engineering corps. Must be thoroughly experienced in making and passing upon reclamation plans and estimates, and in the preparation and writing of technical reports and publications, and in the reproduction of maps.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$3,600 per year, and necessary traveling and station expenses while engaged upon his official duties in the field.

DUTIES. General supervision of all work authorized by the Act of 1913 creating the department, to wit: Devising and planning and marking out on the ground all the improvements necessary to reclaim for agricultural uses the overflowed and swamp lands and overflowed area in the coastal plain and other lands within the State; and in this connection makes the necessary investigations, examinations, surveys and maps. May make agreements and contracts for coöperation with any branch of the federal, state, county or city governments for any part of such work. By the Levee Improvement District Law of 1915, before any person, corporation, or levee improvement district may erect levees, plans therefor must be submitted to the Reclamation Engineer for approval, under penalty.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 9.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$52,000.

REVENUE AGENT, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1891.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year and actual traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Investigates the books and accounts of the assessing and

collecting officers of the State, and all officers and persons disbursing, receiving, or having in their possession public funds, when directed by the Governor. Makes such other investigations and performs such other duties in the interest of the public revenues as the Governor may direct. Investigates and ascertains all sums of money due the State from any source whatever, the ascertainment and collection of which does not devolve upon other officers of the State under existing law, and reports all such facts to the Governor.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 3.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$14,700.

REVISION, BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

COMPOSITION. Three members: President of the College of Industrial Arts for Women, President of the University of Texas, and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

TERM. Serve for the entire time of the adoption authorized under the provisions of the act creating the Text Book Board; namely, six years, beginning September 1, 1913.

DUTIES. Requires such changes, amendments, or additions to the books adopted by the Text-Book Board as in their judgment will be for the best interest of the Texas Public Schools.

SAM HOUSTON NORMAL INSTITUTE. See NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.

SAN JACINTO STATE PARK COMMISSIONERS.

DATE OF CREATION. 1897.

COMPOSITION. Three members. One or more members may be selected from the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas or from any other kindred organization.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be resident citizens of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Serve without compensation.

DUTIES. Advise with and assist the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds in the improvement, care and preservation of the San Jacinto State Park.

NOTE. The State acquired the lands for the San Jacinto State Park by authority of acts of the Legislature of May 6, 1897, May 23, 1899, and March 28, 1907.

SCHOOL OF MINES AND METALLURGY, STATE. See UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, BOARD OF REGENTS OF.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

TERM. During the term of service of the Governor.

COMPENSATION. \$2,000 per year.

DUTIES. Authenticates the publication of the laws; keeps a register of all official acts and proceedings of the Governor; and

on request, submits to the Legislature or either House the same with all papers, minutes, and vouchers connected therewith. Performs all other duties required of him by law. Is the keeper of the Seal of State and uses it officially under the direction of the Governor.

The Secretary of State is a member of the Board of Education, Board of Public Printing, Intangible Tax Board, Board of Contractors to Buy Fuel for the State Departments, and Board to Approve Contracts for Fuel and Public Printing.

SOUTH TEXAS STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See **NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.**

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE NORMAL SCHOOL. See **NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.**

SOUTHWESTERN INSANE ASYLUM, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF. See **BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.**

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See **NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.**

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1866.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Administration of the school laws and a general superintendency of the business relating to the public schools of the State. Hears and determines all appeals from the rulings of the decisions of subordinate school officers, and his decisions are final when not reversed by the Board of Education. Prescribes suitable forms and blanks for subordinate school officers and teachers and prepares and transmits to them instructions for the execution of the school laws. Examines and approves all accounts against the school fund that are to be paid by the Treasurer.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is a member of the Library and Historical Commission, Board of Revision, Board of Control for Girls' Training School, secretary of Text-Book Board, ex-officio secretary of Board of Education, and ex-officio member of the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection, and Board of Managers for the Farm Colony for the Feeble Minded.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 21.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$180,960.

TAX BOARD, AUTOMATIC. See **TAX RATE, STATE BOARD TO CALCULATE.**

TAX BOARD, INTANGIBLE, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1905.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Comptroller, Secretary of State, and Tax Commissioner.

DUTIES. Receives from every incorporated railroad company, ferry company, bridge company, turn-pike or toll company doing business in the State an annual report of their intangible assets and property. Considers such reports, makes a preliminary estimate of the true value, the physical value, and the value of the intangible property in the State, and, after hearings, makes a final valuation of the intangible assets. Apportions the total taxable values in the State to the counties in which such companies have their main lines, and certifies to the tax assessors of those counties the amount of the intangible assets apportioned to the county.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 4.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$9,663.

TAX COMMISSIONER, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1905.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Chairman and executive officer of the Intangible Tax Board.

TAX RATE, STATE BOARD TO CALCULATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1907.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Comptroller, and Treasurer.

DUTIES. Calculates the ad valorem rate for taxes to be levied and collected each year for State and public free school purposes, based on estimates of the taxable values furnished by the tax assessors of the State.

TEACHERS, STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1893.

COMPOSITION. Not less than three members. Superintendent of Public Instruction may increase or decrease number. Present Board has five members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be competent teachers living in the State.

TERM. Serve during the pleasure of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

COMPENSATION. Paid from fees collected by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines the papers of applicants for teachers' certificates forwarded to them by county boards of examiners and makes a report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Prepares all questions used in examinations for teaching certificates.

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF.

See BLIND INSTITUTE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF, etc.

TEXT-BOOK BOARD, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1891.

COMPOSITION. Eleven members: Governor, chairman, Superintendent of Public Instruction, secretary, and nine other members.

APPOINTMENT. Appointed by the Governor from a list of thirty prominent teachers, five of whom must be primary teachers of recognized ability and three years' experience in the State, submitted by the President of the College of Industrial Arts for Women, President of the University of Texas, and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Governor selects nine, one being a primary teacher.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. Teachers on the Board receive \$5 per day while on active duty and actual traveling expenses in going to and returning from the place of meeting.

DUTIES. Selects and adopts text-books for the use of the public schools of Texas for a period of six years, beginning September 1, 1913.

TREASURER.

DATE OF CREATION. 1836.

APPOINTMENT. Elected by the qualified voters of the State.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$2,500 per year.

DUTIES. Receives, on the warrants of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, all moneys paid into the treasury of the State; countersigns and pays all warrants drawn by the Comptroller of Public Accounts on the treasury; keeps accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the public moneys of the treasury and opens an account in the treasury for all appropriations of money made by law.

The Treasurer is a member of the Banking Board, Board of Public Printing, Board to Calculate Tax Rate, Board of Contractors to Buy Fuel for the State Departments, Depository Board, and Board to Select Auditor for the Prison System.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 8.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$26,485.

**TUBERCULOSIS COLONIES, BOARD OF CONTROL FOR. See
TUBERCULOSIS, ANTI-, COMMISSION OF TEXAS.****TUBERCULOSIS, ANTI-, COMMISSION OF TEXAS.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

COMPOSITION. Six members: Governor, Health Officer, chairman, and four citizens appointed by the Governor.

TERM. Hold office during the term of their good behavior.

COMPENSATION. Citizens of Commission receive \$5 per day for attending to their duties as Commissioners and expenses incurred.

DUTIES. General control and management of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 44.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$272,950.

TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM. See TUBERCULOSIS, ANTI-COMMISSION OF TEXAS.**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, BOARD OF REGENTS OF.**

DATE OF CREATION. 1858.

COMPOSITION. Nine members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be qualified voters. Selected from different portions of the State.

TERM. Six years. One-third of the membership of the Board is appointed at each regular session of the Legislature.

COMPENSATION. Reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties paid from available University funds.

DUTIES. General control and management of the University of Texas and of the lands that have been set aside for the support of the University. Supervision of the School of Mines and Metallurgy, established 1913, and of the Hospital for Crippled and Deformed Children, established 1915.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

University of Texas. 515.

School of Mines and Metallurgy. 15.

Hospital for Crippled and Deformed Children. 4.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917.

University of Texas. \$1,423,364.32.

School of Mines and Metallurgy. \$40,375.

Hospital for Crippled and Deformed Children. \$9,490.

NOTE. The Hospital for Crippled and Deformed Children was established in 1915, following the gift to the State by the Texas Public Health Association of the Walter Colquitt Memorial Children's Hospital. It is conducted under the management of the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston.

The John Sealy Hospital is owned by the University of Texas and is leased to the City of Galveston, which appoints its Board of Managers and maintains it as a city hospital for the free treatment of the indigent sick and disabled. The hospital is used as a medical hospital in connection with the Medical Department of the University of Texas, and the Board of Regents of the University of Texas appoints the visiting staff to the hospital from the medical faculty.

NOTE. The Constitution of 1876, Article 16, Section 30, provided that the duration of all offices not fixed by the Constitution should never exceed two years.

By amendment to the Constitution adopted December 21, 1894, it was provided that the term of office of railroad commissioners should be six years.

By amendment to the Constitution, adopted November 5, 1912, it was provided that "The Legislature may provide by law that the members of the Board of Regents of the State University and Board of Trustees or Managers, of the educational, eleemosynary, and penal institutions of the State, and such boards as have been or may hereafter be established by law, may hold their respective offices for the term of six years, one-third of the membership of such

Boards to be elected or appointed every two years in such manner as the Legislature may determine.”

By act of April 2, 1913, the Legislature enacted into law the provisions of the above amendment.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, BOARD OF VISITORS FOR.

DATE OF CREATION. 1858.

APPOINTMENT. By the Legislature at each regular session.

COMPENSATION. Reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties paid from available University funds.

DUTIES. Attends the annual examinations of the University and its branches and reports to the Legislature.

NOTE. This Board performs no functions today.

VETERINARIAN, STATE.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

APPOINTMENT. By the Live Stock Sanitary Commission.

COMPENSATION. \$1,800 per year and traveling expenses.

DUTIES. Assists the Live Stock Sanitary Commission in the inspection, quarantining, and disinfection of premises and live stock, and in performing other duties imposed by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission Law.

VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1911.

COMPOSITION. Seven members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor from a list of eligible practitioners furnished by the State Veterinary Medical Association.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be graduates of legally organized and recognized veterinary colleges, of good standing in their profession, and must have had two years' actual practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary surgery in Texas.

TERM. Two years.

COMPENSATION. \$10 per day while in the actual service of the Board and traveling expenses. Compensation paid from fees received by the Board.

DUTIES. Examines applicants for certificates of license to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary surgery in Texas and issues certificates of license to applicants passing a satisfactory examination.

WAREHOUSES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1914.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Commissioner of Insurance and Banking.

DUTIES. Controls the administration of the act providing for a system of bonded warehouses, and for providing a method of co-operative marketing for those engaged in the production of farm and ranch products. Formulates and enforces necessary rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes and provisions of the act.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 24.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$132,600.

WATER AND LIGHT BOARD.

DATE OF CREATION. 1903.

COMPOSITION. Three members: Governor, chairman, Attorney-General, and Comptroller.

DUTIES. Makes rules and regulations for the operation of the system of waterworks, electric light and power, supplying with power, light, and water the Capitol, the General Land Office, the Governor's Mansion, University, and the various public institutions of the State in the City of Austin and adjacent thereto.

WATER ENGINEERS, BOARD OF.

DATE OF CREATION. 1913.

COMPOSITION. Three members.

APPOINTMENT. By the Governor and Senate.

QUALIFICATIONS. Must be from the three water divisions of the State; must have technical knowledge and practical experience and skill that will fit them for the duties of the office.

TERM. Six years. One member of the Board is appointed every two years.

COMPENSATION. Each member of the Board receives \$3,600 per year, and necessary traveling expenses while traveling on the business of the Board.

DUTIES. Regulates and controls the use of public water for irrigation, mining, milling, manufacturing, the development of power, the construction and operation of waterworks for cities and towns, or for stock raising. Measures stream discharges; regulates rates under certain conditions; reduces water waste; and makes such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the General Irrigation Law, and which make for the general welfare.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. 47.

APPROPRIATION. 1915-1917; \$61,400. Additional appropriation by the Federal Government for coöperative work in stream gauging and duty of water measurements, \$6,500 for 1915-1916.

NOTE. For the constitutional provisions regarding a six year term for State Boards, see note under Board of Regents of the University of Texas.

WEST TEXAS STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. See NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE.